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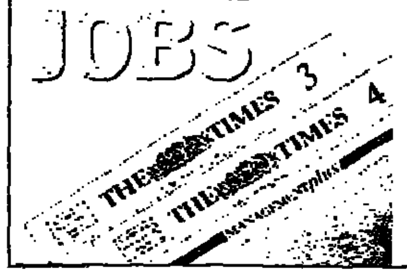

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Crusade for discipline and fitness

Major to call on teenagers to join cadets

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

EVERY schoolchild could be given the opportunity to join the military cadets under government plans to instil a greater sense of self-discipline, loyalty and fitness in Britain's teenagers.

Under the proposals backed by John Major and three senior Cabinet colleagues, millions of pounds would be spent on setting up new centres in state schools and inner city areas, on equipping them and on recruiting former Service personnel to train the cadets.

The move could mean more children receiving firearms training, but ministers appear ready to risk the public opposition that seems inevitable after the Dunblane tragedy.

The plans to extend the 130,000-strong cadets are being promoted by Michael Portillo with enthusiastic backing from Michael Howard, Gillian Shephard and Mr Major — even though both Mr Portillo and Mr Major avoided the system as schoolboys.

They are now keen to attract more disadvantaged children to the Services' cadet wings and to the Combined Cadet Force, which operates in 198 private schools and 45 state schools. It is on the latter that the new resources will be concentrated.

Under the proposals — which could be announced next month — many more 13 to 22-year-olds would learn such skills as abseiling, cross-country running, flying, rock climbing and orienteering, as well as being taught how to march, first-aid and interview techniques. They would have also the opportunity to go on camps in Britain, Germany and Canada.

The Government believes that the cadets system is an ideal way of teaching children self-discipline, loyalty, etiquette and a sense of reponsibility. Ministers also hope that the scheme will raise fitness levels, which are at an all-time low.

Mr Portillo said yesterday: "The cadets are a good thing because they help young people to develop self-discipline, self-motivation and qualities of leadership. They make young people team players, give them self-esteem and satisfy their love of adventure. For some young people they point the way to a career in the military for others they simply lead to more knowledge about themselves."

"Your maths is good but we're very disappointed with your hand-to-hand combat"

Mr Portillo hopes that expansion of the cadets would also alleviate the Services' recruitment problems. Cadets make up nearly 35 per cent of recruits and tend to be the fittest and most able. One minister said: "Many of the young applying to the Armed Forces these days are too fat and unfit to pass the basic tests. Some can't even cope with wearing boots because they have been in trainers all their lives."

The main controversy in drawing up the plans has focused on firearms, which traditionally feature in cadet training. Dunblane has been a complicating factor and ministers are discussing ways of teaching children the arts of self-defence and orienteering instead. But Mr Portillo yesterday defended the cadets' use of firearms saying: "The Armed Forces save lives. They don't lose them and the young people will learn discipline and hard work when they join as well."

The anti-firearms lobby is furious. Jill Marshall-Andrews, chair of the gun control network said: "We are dismayed at the prospect of more and more children and young people being trained in firearms. In our view the age limit for use of guns should be 18 and it is quite inappropriate to introduce anyone younger to dangerous weapons."

The Ministry of Defence spends £68 million a year on the cadets, which are divided into four areas. The Army, Navy and Air Force cadets are run independently of schools in more than 3,000 towns and villages and any child can apply. The Combined Cadet Force is more exclusive.

More than £1.2 million of National Lottery money has been given to help the cadets and Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is thought to be very keen on the organisation. The Education and Home Secretaries are also enthusiastic — last year the Home Office introduced a small grants scheme for cadet forces to enrol children who might be at risk of offending.

Sir Robert Balchin, head of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, praised the plans. "Young people both boy and girls get a a great deal of excitement, adventure and discipline. To see more of them in comprehensive schools would be a very good thing. It would instill a sense of citizenship as well."

Brian Mackenzie, from the Police Superintendents Association, gave a cautious welcome to the proposals. "It is a very attractive idea provided there is sufficient funding. Young boys and girls will get a sense of belonging. But in the present climate of opinion, they will have to exercise extreme caution before teaching these kids to use rifles."

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KEMSLEY

As we were: Cadets off to camp in 1954. It was good practice for National Service

Taxpayers to fund £60m replacement for Britannia

By Michael Evans and James Landale

THE Royal Yacht *Britannia* is to be replaced at taxpayers' expense and the new ship will be built at a British shipyard, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday.

The statement, which took the Commons by surprise, ended 2½ years of deliberations in Whitehall over whether to replace the royal yacht with private sector funding or to scrap plans to build a modern ship for the Royal Family.

After a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday evening, chaired by John Major, it was decided to go for neither option and, instead, to fund a new yacht from the contingency reserves, with the Ministry of Defence meeting the running costs which will include a Royal Navy crew and a Royal Marines band.

Mr Portillo said the Government had received many interesting proposals for private funding of the £60 million capital cost, but he added: "We believe that a new royal yacht, a symbol of the nation's pride, should not be funded by sponsorship or subscription, but by the nation."

Mr Portillo said the decision was taken "because we believe that a royal yacht is an important national asset and projects a prestigious image of Britain which adds powerfully to official occasions and to British economic interests".

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be consulted on the design and will contribute to the furnishings and fittings of the state rooms and royal apartments, drawing some items from *Britannia*.

Labour criticised ministers for failing to consult them on the decision, as is usual in royal matters, and refused to guarantee that it would pay for the project in government. Other means of finance could be sought, particularly from the private sector.

It accused the Tories of "playing politics with the Queen" by making the surprise announcement to boost their chances at the general election.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, let it be known that although Labour supported the idea of a replacement yacht, the party would not be tricked into giving the Government a "blank cheque" for such an important public spending decision.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "While we see the benefits to the country in the royal yacht, and in the best world we would like the project to go ahead, we are not satisfied that this is the most cost-effective way of providing for it." Labour sources also accused Mr Portillo of making the announcement to boost his own chances in a future Tory leadership battle.

The sources pointed out that John Redwood, a potential rival to Mr Portillo for the leadership, had made a replacement of the royal yacht a key part of his manifesto in his leadership challenge against Mr Major in June 1995.

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea Lord, who as a boy watched the launching of *Britannia* from John Brown shipyard on the Clyde, expressed his delight and pride last night that there would be "a new *Britannia* flying the White Ensign and crewed by the Royal Navy".

The Defence Ministry will begin a year's feasibility study

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Family row puts publishers at risk

A power struggle between a father and son is threatening to tear apart the company which publishes *Whitaker's Almanack* and *The Bookseller*. David Whitaker, chairman of J Whitaker & Sons, said that his son Martin was attempting to seize control of the company, which has been in the family for six generations .... Page 3

Germany is to cull 5,000 cattle

Germany is to slaughter more than 5,000 cattle originating from Britain and Switzerland in an attempt to dampen fears that "mad cow" disease was now endemic to the country. The decision follows confirmation that a German-born Galloway cow had from BSE .... Page 13

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Gulf War chief's SAS ban confirmed by the Army

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

GENERAL Sir Peter de la Billière was told formally by a senior Army officer yesterday that he will no longer be welcome at SAS premises for regimental functions.

The step was taken after a day of confusion in which he dismissed reports that he was included in the Ministry of Defence ban on former SAS members who had written books since the Gulf War.

When he saw yesterday's newspaper reports he telephoned the MoD and demanded to know what was going on. His outburst caused a flurry of embarrassed activity at the ministry, resulting in a call to his office at Robert Flemings' merchant bank in the City of London, during which it was explained why he had to be excluded from all special forces' premises.

Last night General de la Billière acknowledged that he was on the exclusion list because he had written two books since the war, although both were sent to the MoD and SAS for approval.

He said: "This afternoon, for the first time, I have been informed by the Ministry of Defence that all authors of books mentioning special forces and written since the Gulf War, whether cleared by the MoD or not, are only welcome on special forces' property by invitation."

Army sources said the ban meant the general would not receive invitations to functions at special forces premises.

Sir Colin Shepherd, Conservative MP for Hereford and a close friend of the retired general, said: "I'm very sad about this turn of events. Nothing he has ever done or would do would ever damage the regiment."

But Tom King, former Defence Secretary, said there was "a real problem" over the number of books published.

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Rifkind takes vision of EU to the people

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

MALCOLM RIFKIND will today seek to take the debate about the future of the European Union to the people of Europe and over the heads of the politicians.

Claiming that the British vision of a non-federalist flexible Europe is in tune with the aspirations of the people across the Continent, the Foreign Secretary is planning a series of speeches in European capitals to put the Government's case. He will argue that the political classes have been trying to run ahead of the public in seeking an integrated Europe.

Mr Rifkind writes in *The Times* today that the debate has been conducted between politicians with occasional contributions from academics, diplomats and journalists. "In the new modern Europe the debate must no longer be reserved to the political class but involve the whole adult population."

In an address tonight to the French Chamber of Commerce in London, and later at meetings in Sweden, Denmark, France and Germany, Mr Rifkind will say that the British idea of individual nation states working together with the European institution in a co-operative and flexible way has widespread public backing.

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Packer plays his cards right with $22m casino win

From Quentin Letts
in New York

EVEN the most wizened card sharks in Las Vegas are saluting the Australian tycoon Kerry Packer after he had a multimillion-dollar winning streak at the city's gaming tables.

Mr Packer was yesterday credited with contributing to a 19 per cent drop in quarterly profits at the Hilton Hotel Corporation. He and 10 Asian acquaintances walked away with "exceptional" wins from the Hilton casino in Las Vegas over Christmas.

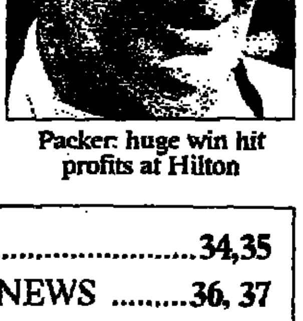
They did it by playing $250,000 baccarat hands that left croupiers "twitching with anxiety" as the house repeatedly lost. Hilton lost some $22 million (£13.25 million) at its baccarat tables at the turn of the year, and most was said to have gone to the Packer party.

In a sober statement the company yesterday noted: "Fourth quarter earnings from operations were adversely affected by abnormally low baccarat drop and win percentage at the Las Vegas Hilton, resulting in a negative impact of approximately 11 cents per share."

After draining the Hilton, Mr Packer moved on to the Mirage casino next to Caesar's Palace and promptly stripped its tables of another $2 million.

Mr Packer, who owns a share of casinos in Sydney and Melbourne, is a celebrated gambler and it would not be remarkable if he lost as much money in the coming months as he has just won. In 1992, he won £3.5 million at the Las Vegas Hilton, but blew £6 million there a year later — and left croupiers a £160,000 tip. His record win before now was £6.75 million, at the opening of the MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas in 1994.

In the French game of baccarat, two or more players and the banker draw two or three cards, and aim for a count of nine or 19. Any number of other players then bet on someone to beat the banker. Up to three packs of cards can be used, allowing for big and often competitive tables. The game has two varieties, chemin de fer and baccarat banque, which allows numerous players to bet against the bank.



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A blessing for the Tory ship of state, and for all who sail in her

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

"ALTHOUGH she is beautifully maintained ..." Two Tory dames, beautifully *maintained and decked* out for the occasion, raised their heads in pride as the Defence Secretary spoke.

"... she is old." Both *dames, one of whom is standing down at the next election,* registered shock.

"She is increasingly difficult to maintain." The dames *looked indignant.*

"She will not put to sea again." The dames looked disconsolate.

"We need to guarantee she *will be kept in excellent condition."* The dames looked reassured.

"If that cannot be assured, it *would be better to see her* scrapped than to see her deteriorate." The dames looked alarmed.

Michael Portillo looked anything but. He couldn't believe his luck. Rolling every syllable of his statement round in his mouth like an *especially delectable piece of* butterscotch, and speaking very slowly with vast pauses, he never *quite* allowed to cross his face that schoolboy smirk which says to the rival gang: "You know and I know my gang cheated — but you'll never *prove it."*

The Tory benches were like pigs in clover. "Hear, *hear!"* they shouted, at every reference to Her Majesty's needs and Her Majesty's *dignity:* "Hya, hya, *hya!"*

Poor Dr David Clark, Labour's principal defence spokesman, panicked. He *complained that this was electioneering,* he should have been consulted, and it wasn't fair. But everybody knew that. *All's fair in general elections.*

Dr Clark just sounded plaintive.

Next he lurched into a complaint that private capital should have been considered. This caused one of the longest bouts of uncontrolled mirth *the chamber has seen since* Mark Lennox-Boyd (as Foreign Office Minister) tried to explain how the contents of *the Canadian diplomatic bags* had become lost in the Wandsworth Prison laundry. *What? A Labour spokesman* calling for the private sector?

Nicholas Soames, a defence minister, almost choked with mirth and turned purple as *the rest of the front bench* doubled up in giggles. Portillo kept his cool. His lip was curled, his quiff was perfect. *He joined the Liberal Democrats'* Menzies Campbell (Fife NE) in simulated horror that the hapless *Clark* could not *back his plan.*

And Portillo's luck held. Labour's Alan Williams (Carmarthen) offered a rant at royal extravagance which, from Labour, would not have raised an eyebrow ten years ago. Yesterday it raised the roof.

Hugging himself with pleasure, wrapping himself in patriotism, and slopping bucketfuls of loyal adjectives over the absent head of Her Majesty. *Portillo stopped just* short of questioning Williams's patriotism.

Next, *Dennis Skinner* (Lab, Bolsover) went into orbit: Stop gagging republicans ... aristocracy in death-throes ... sick kids on hospital *trolleys* ... *pensioners* robbed blind ... no pencils in schools ... four million unemployed ...

In vain did Kate Hoey (Lab, Vauxhall) and Peter Shore (Lab, Bethnal Green & Stepney) praise the plans. Portillo painted them as lonely monarchists among a republican rabble.

Then came a fleet of little Tory rowing boats, sporting their *Union flags and escorting* the new yacht. John Wilkinson (C, Ruislip) wanted a helicopter deck.

"And a casino," yelled Skinner. *Soames began to choke* again. Portillo wanted a band. Soames looked close to asphyxiation. Robert Key (C, Salisbury) wondered *what the new yacht* should be named.

"*HMS Camilla!*" yelled Skinner's whole heckler's bench in unison. I regret to report that, *among the Tory front bench,* only Mr Portillo kept a straight face.

Lord Chancellor rejects register of Masonic judges

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor last night ruled out setting up a register of judges who are *Freemasons, but he told MPs* he might canvass senior ones over whether they would voluntarily declare their membership.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern told the Home Affairs *Commitee of MPs, which is* inquiring into Freemasonry, he would consider asking the 150 judges in the House of *Lords, Court of Appeal and* High Court if they would help the committee by stating if they were Freemasons or not.

"I think what I could do would be to invite the judiciary to say if they wish to say whether they are Freemasons," he said.

He was not prepared, he said, to ask them the question *directly. "I don't think I have* the proper authority to do that." He added that such a question was not pertinent to *the positions judges held.*

His comments came after the committee chairman, Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, said that *if progress were to be made* with the MPs' inquiry into Freemasonry in the police and *judiciary,* then "the bottom line" would be to find out the numbers of Freemason judges. Sir Ivan said: "If we *ask the questions and we get* no answers, the situation is even worse." The press and public would think that Freemasons had "silenced everyone, including the Lord Chancellor."

Some of the groups under scrutiny "have to throw a bit more light" to persuade the press *and public that the* committee was not wasting its time, he said. The current Masonic Year Book lists some *30 judges who are high*-ranking masons. But judges who are not senior Freemasons are not listed.

The Association of Women Barristers have recommended that judges accepting judicial appointment *should declare if* they were Freemasons; and senior police officers have said there should be a register of *police Freemasons.*

Lord Mackay said that in his view, Freemasonry pledges to help each other *were not incompatible with* the judicial oath to "do right to all manner of people ... without fear or favour, affection or *illwill."* If judges *found they* had any sort of acquaintance or relationship with any one in a case, they would disqualify themselves, he said. That applied to Freemasonry as much as anything else.

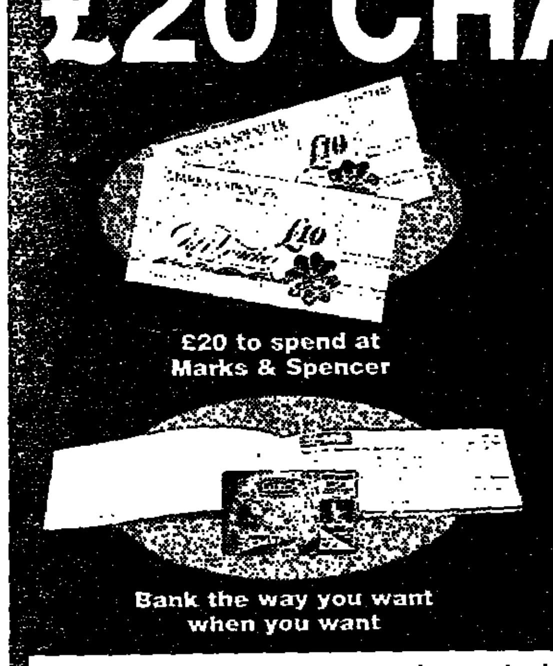
He said he was prepared to investigate any specific allegations that Freemasonry had caused harm to the adminis*tration of justice but knew of* none. "I know of no evidence of any substantial kind to suggest that Freemasonry has any adverse effect — indeed any effect all — in relation to the conduct of the judiciary, *whether magistrates or professionals* (judges)."

Lord Mackay also rejected the suggestion that judges taking up appointment should be asked if they were Freemasons. In written evidence he *said there was currently no* such requirement "just as there is no requirement to declare membership of, for *example,* a yacht club, a particular religious organization or any other society or *association."*

However, he said that people applying to be a magistrate in England and Wales were *asked* to disclose their interests, including membership of any organization or club.

"This gives the candidate an opportunity, if not an obligation, to disclose that he is a Freemason and for the adv*isory committee* to pursue the matter further in questioning should it be thought necessary to do so." This might be *relevant* in a particular locality, to ensure there was no preponderance of magistrates *from one profession,* club, family or political party.

He said that a check in his department showed six letters *in three months from the* public alleging the influence of freemasonry in the criminal justice system.



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City towers opposed as 'macho fashion'

By Marcus Binney

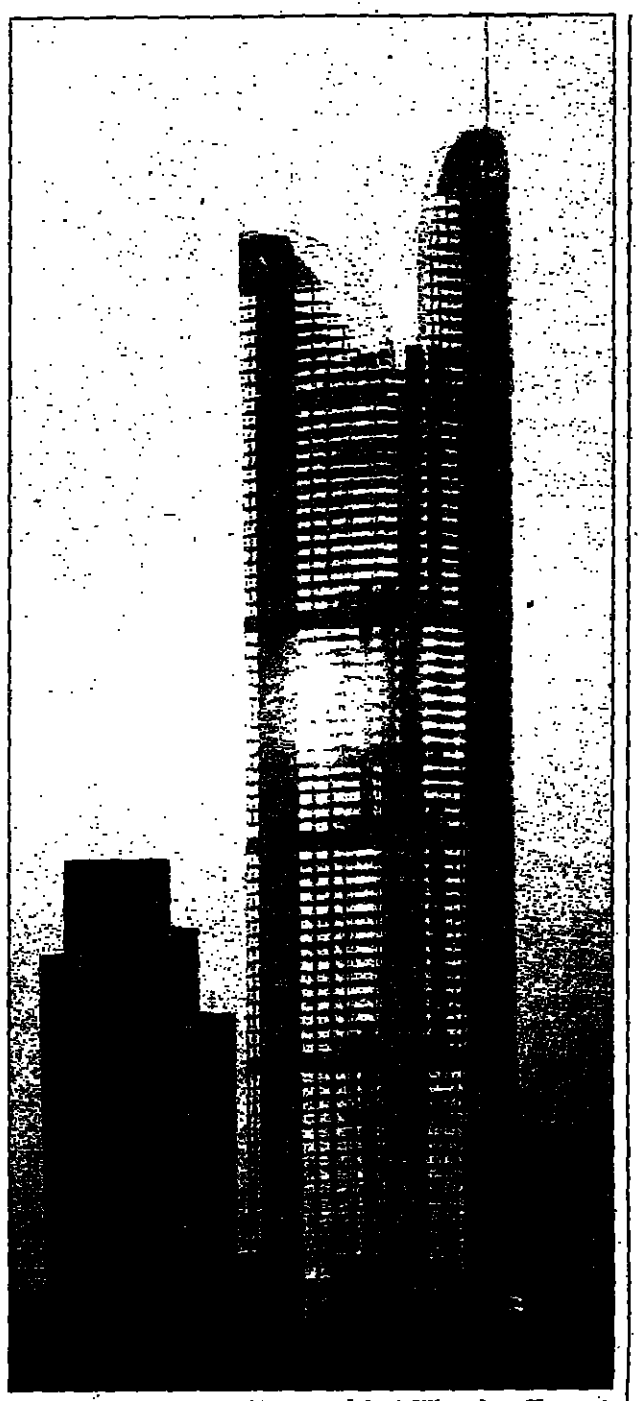
ENGLISH HERITAGE has decided to oppose Sir Norman Foster's plans to build a 1,265ft *Millennium Tower in* the City because it would overwhelm London, particularly St Paul's Cathedral.

The commissioners of English Heritage consider that the tower, which would be the tallest building *in* Europe, twice as high as the NatWest tower, would damage not only the heart of the City but *London as a whole.* English Heritage will also oppose plans by another leading architect, Santiago Calatrava, *to remodel* the Britannic Tower, as damaging to the London skyline.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair*man* of English Heritage, said: "The Foster Tower is a fine building in the wrong place. *London does not need a* virility symbol to prove it's a world financial centre. If we say 'yes' to either of these towers, *others will erupt* all over the place. It's a macho fashion.

"We have identified 24 sites in the City suitable for *new* buildings. We are not blocking the economic growth of *the Square Mile; the Millen*nium Tower would only add 2 to 3 per cent to office space.

"It is likely that the Depart*ment of the Environment* will call a public inquiry on the tower, but if they do not, and if the City Corporation shows *any signs of approving the* tower, we will use our powers to tell the corporation not to issue planning permission."



A computer-generated image of the Millennium Tower

MP says Asians plan to oust him

By Paul Wilkinson

TONY BLAIR was asked to intervene in the Bradford West constituency last night after Max Madden, MP, accused Pakistani rivals of forming a pact to ensure an *Asian candidate is selected.*

Mr Madden, who has held the west Yorkshire seat for Labour since 1983, claims a pact would breach *the party's* code of conduct. "The National Executive Commit*tee must address it* as a matter of urgency and take effective action."

Last night the four Pakistani *candidates accused of forming* a "United Front" denied any suggestion of an alliance.

The *Bradford* West selection process is already being monitored closely by the NEC and regional officials after the *discovery of widespread mem*bership irregularities in predominantly Asian wards. The NEC will choose the final shortlist instead of the constituency party.

Mr Madden, 55, said that he *was concerned after a report* disclosing the pact appeared in an Urdu language news*paper circulating in the Asian* community. It named the four candidates involved as Mohammed Ajeeb, a former Lord Mayor of Bradford; Rangzeb, a Bradford councillor; Mohammed Taj, a trade unionist; *and Nazir Ahmed, a Labour* councillor in south Yorkshire.

Mr Madden faxed copies of a translation to the Labour leader. He believes the pact sought to persuade Muslim party members to vote only for *Muslims, and said it could be* taken as incitement to religious and racial hatred.

The newspaper report *claimed the four candidates* met to take an oath that after the shortlisting they and their supporters would back the Pakistani who had the best chance of selection.

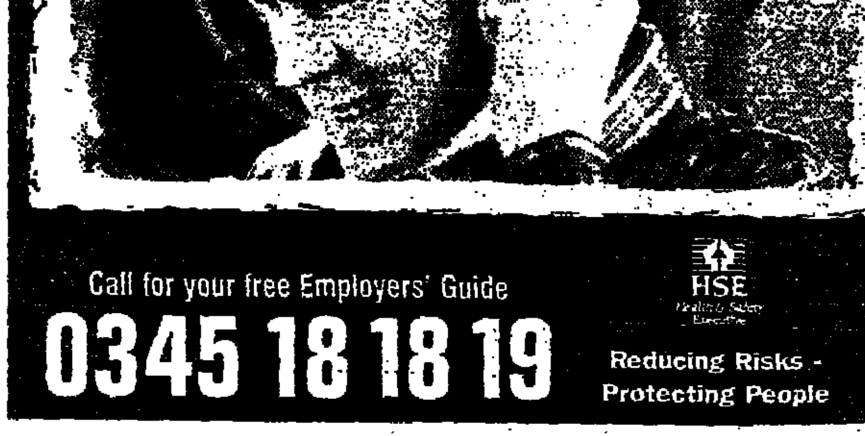
Mohammed Ajeeb denied *that there was a pact. He said:* "There was not a pre-planned meeting. We happened to be together. There were other people in the room. The real proof against it is that Max Madden himself has been *shortlisted in University ward,* where 100 per cent of the people who decided about the *shortlist were Muslim."*

New powers for teachers

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

TEACHERS are to be given clear powers to use physical force to restrain pupils in playground fights or classroom disruption to protect the safety and education of others. The planned amendment to *the Education Bill follows* complaints by teachers *that* they were risking their careers whenever they intervened. Unions said they were defending hundreds *of members* from unjustified allegations.

The law already allows teachers to use "reasonable *force"* in *such situations, but* Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is keen to clarify this. Labour supports *the measures, which include* legally-enforceable detentions and longer exclusions.



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Councils to get powers to cut car pollution

By Nick Nuttall,
environment correspondent

COUNCILS trying to crack down on rising congestion and air pollution are expected to get new powers to cut the numbers of cars and lorries on the roads, it was disclosed yesterday.

The Department of Transport indicated that it was backing a Private Member's *Bill which will require local* authorities to draft targets for cutting the volume of transport on city streets. Councils who draft transport reduction plans will get extra cash from government to fund schemes such as cycle routes, pedestrianisation and public transport projects.

The Bill, which gets its *second reading* in the Commons tomorrow already has cross-party support from more than 220 MPs, 129 local authorities and 500 local groups and associations.

Yesterday the department said the Bill, introduced by the Liberal Democrat member for Bath, Don Foster, was now in line with Government policy.

The *original* bill *had* demanded national traffic reductions of 5 per cent by 2005 and 10 per cent by 2010.

But the bill has been reworded. It now requires local traffic reduction targets. Councils are also not tied to specific targets but ones they, and the Transport Secretary, deem practical.

"The *bill is swinging to a* government view that local authorities should set local targets," the transport depart*ment spokesman* said.

Roger Higman of Friends of the Earth, who along with the Green Party and Plaid Cymru, *are promoting the bill, said* yesterday: "We have had long negotiations with the Department of Transport to see what they will accept. Ministers now say they are keen".

The beauty of having local rather than *national targets* helps overcome the political difficulties of rural councils.

Most experts accept that, in *the short term, trying to cut* car use in the countryside will be almost impossible given the poor public transport infra*structure and the* large distances many have to travel to shop, commute and and go to school.

The bill also fits *neatly* with the Department of the Environment's National Air Quali*ty Strategy. Councils* are being asked to draw up plans to curb air pollution by 2005 and then again by 2010 to meet national and *European health limits.*

There are currently around 20.5 million cars on the road. By 2005 the number may have risen by up to 40 per cent and by 2010 by 60 per cent, according to government *forecasts.*

Mr Foster, the member for Bath, said at a rally in London yesterday: "The country is fed up with too much traffic".

■ Anti-roads protesters were dragged from their bikes by *police yesterday* as 2,000 demonstrators lobbied Parliament in favour of the Bill. *There were no arrests.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Major may suspend Ulster talks

John Major is preparing to *suspend the Northern Ireland* talks within weeks because of the deadlock over giving up weapons. He concedes there is little prospect of progress before the general election and believes that heightened *political tensions could* wreck the process altogether.

Ministers are preparing to *bring the talks to a close next month* to reduce tension. Mr Major said yesterday that the talks had reached "a sticky patch" *and indicated that* he planned a new talks strategy after the election.

He said: "I think I can see *some ways we can proceed* — I know one way — but I am not going to reveal them."

Drug plot charge

A *man* was charged at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in London with laundering £330,000 from drugs smug*gled into Ireland from Hol*land. John Gilligan, 44, of Blanchardstown, Dublin, denies concealing the proceeds of drug trafficking and helping someone else retain them.

Tickets too costly

Thousands of passengers are being *overcharged by private* rail companies using antiquated computer systems that issue wrongly-priced tickets, the government-appointed watchdog said yesterday. John Swift, the Rail Regula*tor, has ordered a survey to* assess the size of the problem.

Grobbelaar plea

Zimbabwe has asked for *Bruce Grobbelaar, the goal*keeper on trial in Winchester on *match-fixing* charges, to play for its national team on *Sunday. The judge has given* his permission for Grobbelaar to fly to Harare for the African Nations Cup qualify*ing tie against Ghana.*

Nestlé threat

The food company Nestlé is threatening to sue the owner *of a new cyber café called* Netscafé. Paul Alexander, of Cheltenham, who remortgaged his home to raise £30,000 *for the business, said* he was "flabbergasted" and would fight the firm in court rather than change the name.

McAliskey ruling

Two High Court judges ruled *that the German Government* is entitled to seek the extradi*tion of Roisin McAliskey,* 25, the imprisoned pregnant daughter of the former nationalist *MP* Bernadette McAliskey. She is wanted in connection with a mortar attack on a British Army base.

Second funeral

Flight Sergeant Denis Noble, whose Hurricane was excavated at Hove 56 years after the Battle of Britain, was given a hero's burial in Retford, Nottinghamshire. *The* flag-draped coffin was lowered on to the top of a wartime coffin, now believed to hold only part of his body.

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The Queen may be open to offers on carpets, but will keep stateroom fittings and a solid gold camel

Large yacht for sale; one very careful owner

By Alan Hamilton

WHOEVER buys HM Retired Yacht *Britannia*, they are likely to be disappointed at the lack of royal artefacts left on board. Her present owners are certain to strip her clean of all they hold dear.

Yesterday's announcement that the Queen is to have a new boat made clear that she will contribute to the fixtures and fittings of its staterooms. That means the new vessel will contain much of the old.

Britannia's state apartments were designed by Sir Hugh Casson and are light, airy and chintzy, in sharp contrast to the heavy solemnity of the Queen's land-based palaces. The silver-grey carpet adds to the illusion of a country house in the Home Counties. As in so many everyday house purchases, the carpet will be a matter for negotiation.

Items certain to be transferred to a new vessel include the White Ensign flown from Captain Scott's sledge on his ill-fated journey to the South Pole. It is encased in glass and hanging in the drawing room. Nor will the Queen leave behind a satinwood writing desk belonging to Queen Victoria, which graced a previous royal yacht, the *Victoria and Albert*. She will also take with her a clever, gimballed table, again from an earlier yacht, designed by Prince Albert to keep cocktails upright even in the roughest seas.

The walls of the staterooms are hung with paintings of the Queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's personal choice, including several by Edward Seago. They too will go. There will not be much left in the state dining room. The mahogany table which accommodates 56 guests at state banquets will undoubtedly go to the new boat, as will the gold and white Minton china bearing the royal cipher, and the accompanying set of Royal Brierley crystal.

Were the Queen to leave behind her principal table centrepiece, the ruler of Dubai would be most offended; he gave the decoration to her during her Gulf tour in 1979. Although not to everyone's taste, it is much remarked upon by guests: a solid gold camel standing under a solid gold palm tree, the whole ensemble standing a good 9in high.

A new owner of *Britannia* may not get the antiques, but will certainly be buying history. *Victoria and Albert* was pensioned off in the late 1930s and talk of a replacement was interrupted by the war. Attlee's Labour Government eventually got the proposal through a somewhat hostile Parliament in 1950, on the grounds that the vessel could be converted instantly into a hospital ship.

Since then, the yacht has covered more than a million miles at sea, has hosted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on innumerable royal tours abroad and has provided honeymoon quarters for several royal couples who are no longer together.

Honeymoon duty required taking double beds on board for the occasion; all *Britannia's* beds, from the Queen's to humblest able seaman's, are single, and the more distinguised of them, in the royal bedrooms on the shelter deck immediately above the staterooms, are also certain to be removed to the new vessel.

Britannia was launched from John Brown's yard at Clydebank, birthplace of the Cunard Queens, in 1953 at a cost of £2.1 million. She never made it to a hospital ship. During the Falklands campaign, she was in the wrong part of the world and, by the time of the Gulf War, it was deemed too expensive to fit helicopter decks and other essential equipment to a vessel already 37 years old.

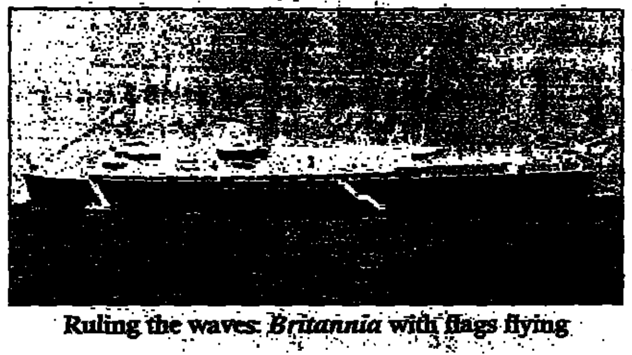
Her one moment of active-service glory came when sailing past Aden on her way to royal business in Australia. She picked up refugees from an outbreak of civil strife in that South Arabian state and ferried them to the relative safety of Mogadishu in Somalia.

For most of her life, *Britannia's* greatest embarrassment was to run on the wrong kind of fuel. When the rest of the Navy was drinking diesel, the royal yacht's engines burned heavy fuel oil, installed at birth because fuel-oil engines turned more slowly and were less likely to awaken slumbering royal presences on the upper decks.

She was eventually converted to diesel in 1984 during a refit costing £6 million. *Britannia* has long been the most expensive single item in the royal travel budget. Last year, with no major refit, she still cost £10 million to run, a figure which includes regular maintenance including some refurbishment for its current Far East tour, fuel and crew wages.

Although glad to be relieved of such an expense, the Government will nonetheless expect any future buyer or operator to maintain decent standards. An obvious saving is the wage bill: a vessel of 5,769 tonnes on unregal duties can happily sail the oceans with far fewer than its current crew of 277. The 21 officers and 256 ratings pad about in rubber-soled shoes, wear a black bow on the back of their jumpers in memory of Prince Albert and are the only sailors in the Royal Navy not to have the name of the ship on their hats.

The buyer will get an engine room off whose floor you could eat a state banquet. The technology is 1950s Clydebank steam, but it is breathtakingly clean.



Ruling the waves: *Britannia* with flags flying

Immaculate interior: meals on board can be eaten in the royal dining room, above, or off the engine-room floor

Britannia

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after which it will put the design and construction out to tender. The new yacht is expected to be ready by the year 2002 in time for the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. With a smaller crew than the present ship's complement of 250, the running costs are likely to be about half the present cost of £10 million a year.

Although Mr Portillo said that the new yacht should have a helipad, she will not have a military role. *Britannia* used to have a contingency secondary role as a hospital ship in time of war.

Sir Jock said that the new yacht would be a conventional "high-tech" ship with a modern propulsion system. A proposal to replace *Britannia* with a sail training ship has been rejected.

Mr Portillo's announcement came after the *Britannia* sailed on Monday on her last overseas voyage, to the Mediterranean, the Gulf and Far East. She will arrive in Hong Kong in June to take part in the handover of the British colony to the Chinese on June 30.

Mr Portillo said that after returning from Hong Kong, *Britannia* would be used until the end of the year, "probably within British territorial waters".

He told MPs: "After 1997 and until the new ship enters service in 2001 or 2002, there will be a gap. There will be no royal yacht on the seas. This will not be a long gap, as there was between the end of the *Victoria and Albert* and the commissioning of *Britannia*, which I think was a gap of about 14 or 15 years."

Since being commissioned 43 years ago, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* has travelled more than a million miles and undertaken nearly 700 royal visits overseas.

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Whitaker's Almanack torn by family dispute

By Jason Cowley and Damian Whitworth

ONE of the last great independent family publishing firms was being torn apart last night by a bitter power struggle between father and son.

David Whitaker, chairman of J. Whitaker & Sons, which has published *The Bookseller* since 1858 and *Whitaker's Almanack* since 1868, said that his son was attempting to seize control of the company, which had been in the family for six generations.

Mr Whitaker, 65, a former editor of *The Bookseller*, said that Martin Whitaker, a board director, was behind a coup to oust him and his sister, Sally, the managing director.

David Whitaker said that the company, which has a turnover of £10 million, had been losing profitability. Whitaker's recent launch of Booktrack, the electronic sales data monitoring service that provides the bestseller lists for *The Times* and other newspapers, had drained resources.

"The profitability of the company is down, but overheads are going up. The board has been discussing the succession of my sister, Sally, who has not had a successful run as managing director, is deeply stressed and wishes to retire. But what is happening is not acceptable. My son, Martin, has personal problems and wishes to take over as soon as possible and to prepare the company for sale."

Mr Whitaker, who confirmed that his son had recently separated from his wife, added: "Other directors most closely involved with what is happening — Paul Poumsford and Jonathan Nowell — are newcomers to the company and the trade it serves, have seen uncertainty at the top, and Martin's ambitions would benefit them."

Mr Whitaker said that he, his sister and Robin Baum, Miss Whitaker's brother-in-law and a major shareholder, did not want the company to be sold. "During the next few years, were the company to be sold, it would be at a discount to the price it would have fetched when I left, or will command again when it is being run properly."

Asked why the directors wished to remove him and his sister from the board, Mr Whitaker said: "The company has lost its innovative edge, is behind with its development, is failing to contain its overheads, has lost its position in the trade and failed to fight off its competition. ... I have grown heartily sick of much of the company in recent years: its loss of status, its loss of direction, its poor grasp of strategy."

Martin Whitaker was not available to comment last night. A meeting of the board is expected this week.

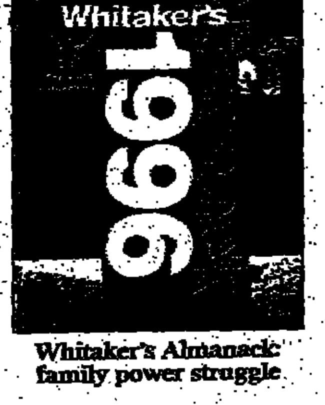
The Whitaker family has been one of the great paternalists of the book world and was instrumental in setting up almost a century ago the Net Book Agreement, the book price fixing agreement that collapsed in 1995.

David Whitaker is the great-grandson of the company's founder, Joseph Whitaker. The idea for the almanack grew out of a column in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, which he edited: called the Correspondence of Sylvanus Urban, it consisted of answers to readers' queries.

More than 100 years later, *Whitaker's Almanack* calls itself "the world in a volume". Packed with charts and tables, it has become as much an institution as the establishment it monitors.

The story is told that, in early 1966, Harold Wilson was considering when to call the general election. "Bring me *Whitaker's Almanack*," he ordered. "I want to look at the golden numbers."

He explained that he was referring to the figures on which the date of Easter was calculated. Hands fumbled for pocket diaries. "No, you won't find it in there," said the Prime Minister. "What I want is the date of Easter 1970."



Whitaker's Almanack: family power struggle

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It's good to talk, but only if it's polite conversation

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

BOORISH men die young. After years of monopolising conversations, interrupting and competing for attention, they talk themselves into an early grave, according to an American study.

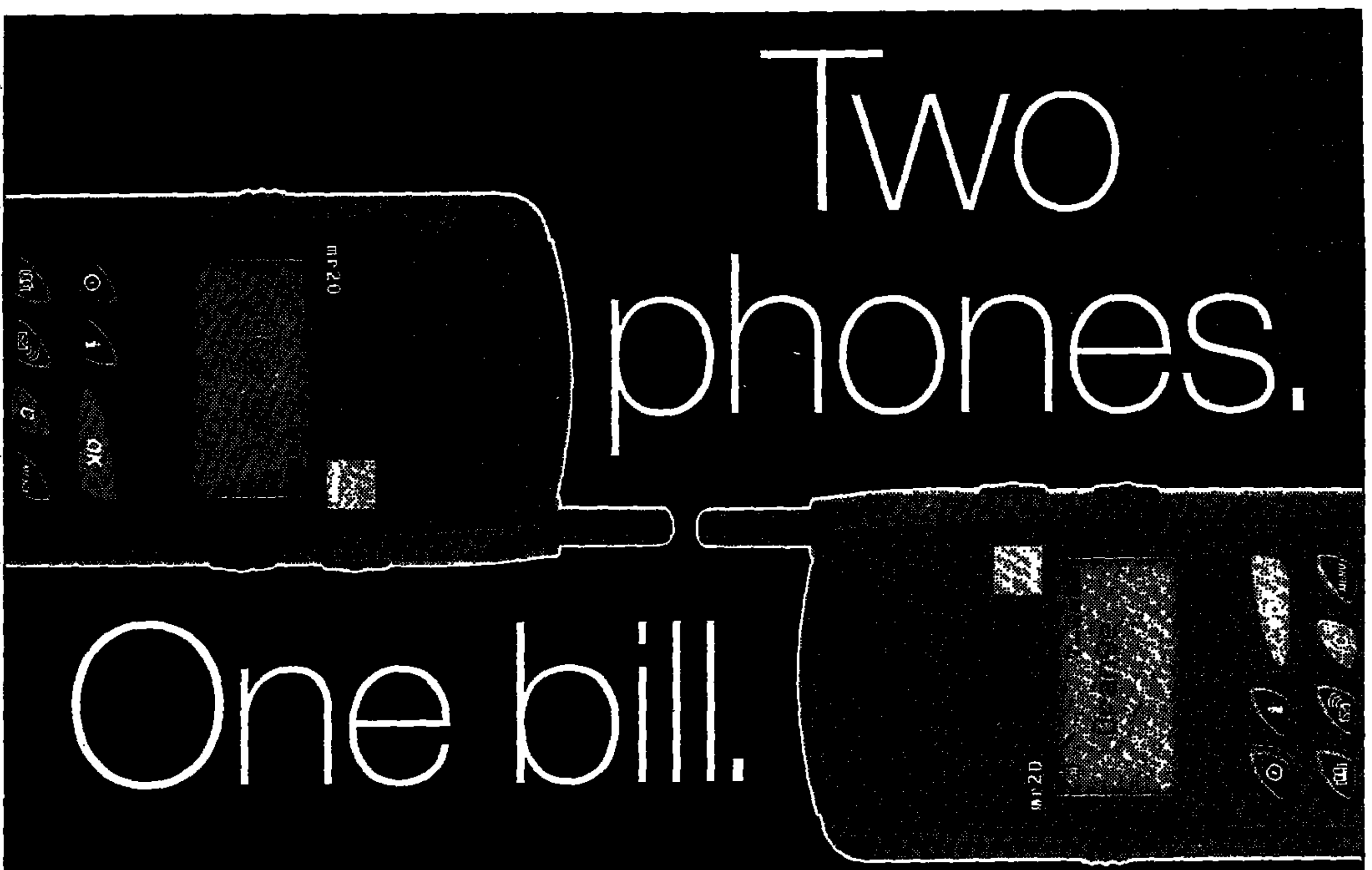
"We theorise that socially dominant men are more chronically aroused and stressed," said Michael Babyak, of Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina, who spent 22 years studying 750 white, middle-class men. Social dominance is not the same as being gregarious, he said, nor is it hostility, but attention-seeking to get ahead at the expense of others.

The research, carried out when Dr Babyak was at the University of Kansas and in co-operation with researchers from the University of California, involved assessing each man on 12 speech and behaviour characteristics, including verbal competitiveness, loudness and self-aggrandisement. The men's health and survival over the duration of the study was then monitored.

After taking into account health risks such as smoking, blood pressure and cholesterol levels, the researchers report in the *Journal of the American Psychosomatic Society* that the socially dominant types were 60 per cent more likely than average to die within that period. Hostile people had roughly the same increased risk, however, men who spoke calmly and quietly had lower-than-normal rates of heart disease and early death.

The study did not cover dominant women, but Dr Babyak suspects they may not be at increased risk. "Dominance may mean something different for women," he speculates. In men, it "appears to involve getting ahead of other people strictly for the sake of getting ahead, and that seems to be a key aspect of its danger". In women, it means gathering more support for one's cause and collaborating.

Men might feel the need to dominate conversations for genetic reasons, or as a result of upbringing, the researchers say. Dr Babyak says: "Clearly, if you have these personality characteristics, it wouldn't hurt to modify them."



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Force founded to counter French threat in 1860s held little appeal for modern leaders in their youth

Major and Portillo declined to join school cadet corps

By Alice Thomson and Andrew Pierce

JOHN MAJOR and Michael Portillo, the two most enthusiastic Cabinet supporters for the expansion of cadet forces in state schools and inner city communities, both declined to join up as schoolboys.

The Prime Minister, a pupil of Rutlish Grammar School for Boys, was more devoted to wielding the cricket bat than the rifle. The Defence Secretary, who is spearheading the campaign to encourage more cadets, was only a Scout while at Harrow County School.

Mr Major, who had been in uniform as a Cub Scout, is said to have hated his grammar school days and the Combined Cadet Force had little appeal. Penny Junor, in her biography of Mr Major, said: "He was a pacifist so he did not like the Combined Cadet Force." The Prime Minister's brother Terry Major-Ball said last night: "I don't know why he never joined up. He never showed much interest as far as I can remember. I would not have been interested either. I was more into tap dancing. We were a more theatrical family."

Mr Major's headmaster, a Mr Blenkinsop, was a disciplinarian, but the boy's decision not to join would not have upset him. The head disapproved of boys learning to be soldiers at an early age.

In the 1960s Harrow County School had the biggest state school CCF in the country, earning it the nickname "Little Sandhurst". Pupils who declined to join were reputedly regarded by the headmaster, Dr A.R. Simpson, as "nonconformists saboteurs, and cynics".

John Major, aged 9, in uniform as a Cub Scout

Michael Gove, in his biography, *Michael Portillo, The Future of the Right*, wrote: "Michael Portillo did not join. His father had refused to bear arms during the Spanish Civil War, and his son was no more militaristic. When Michael went up to Harrow County he shared his father's idealistic leftism and, despite his enthusiasm, bordering on zeal, for involvement in every other area of school life, he stayed resolutely aloof from the parade ground."

Friends say the decision denied the ambitious teenager the post of head boy. "But he had pacifist connections and refused to be cowed into conforming," wrote Mr Gove.

By contrast, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, had early experience of drill-bashing and polishing boots. He was a member of the corps at Eton College. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, was a member of the Sea Rangers.

Cadets examining a machinegun during a visit to The Parachute Regiment in the 1960s; membership implies no obligation to join the Services

The cadet force was compulsory for the first two years of Tony Blair's time at Fettes School in Edinburgh. After that Mr Blair opted for community work. Jon Sopel, in his biography, *Tony Blair The Moderniser*, wrote: "Whether it was because of Blair's burgeoning social conscience, or whether it was an easy way out of square-bashing and gun stripping, the teenager chose to help the less fortunate." The young Blair worked in summer camps for children from the city's Canongate slums.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, never joined the CCF when he had a chance at Brentwood School. Mr Straw, however, was a Cub and a Scout. "I then joined a movement called Forest School Camps," he said last night. "It was not a uniformed movement. We had long summer camps. I have been camping ever since." Most generals, admirals and air chief marshalls went through the cadet training system. General Sir Peter de la Billière, current president of the Army Cadet Force, was among them.

Cadet forces can be traced back to 1860 when the British were under threat of French invasion and boys' companies were formed in most counties. When the threat did not materialise they were kept on because they kept boys off the streets.

Membership implies no obligation to join the services. The purpose of the cadet force is: "to develop in its members the qualities of good citizenship and the spirit of service to Queen and country".

Cadets are given their uniform free including pullovers, combat trousers and berets but must pay for boots. They also pay a small contribution to club facilities and the cost of rations while at annual camp. On passing the recruits' test, the cadet makes the Cadet Promise to honour his country.

The instructors are all volunteers although they can draw up to 28 days' pay at regular army rate each year. At Easter some cadets go to the Rhine to visit British forces there.

EU puts damper on Burns night

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

HUNDREDS of Scottish expatriates planning Burns suppers on Saturday will be disappointed when their supply of traditional haggis fails to materialise. The "Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race" has fallen foul of European order 94/474, the ban on British beef introduced after the BSE crisis.

Haggis is traditionally made with beef suet or beef body fat. Scottish butchers are being advised that they face prosecution if they mail traditional haggis to customers on the European mainland. Burns supper clubs and St Andrew's societies in France and The Netherlands are finding supplies difficult to obtain.

Andrew Tulloch, a butcher in Paisley, Renfrewshire, who is preparing to sell up to three tonnes of haggis this weekend, was told by the Meat and Livestock Commission that he could not supply his European customers as in the past six years. "They suggested we could get round things by using lamb suet instead. There is no way we would consider that. The taste just wouldn't be the same."

Macsween, an award-winning Edinburgh haggis maker and butcher, is prepared to produce lamb haggis. "The supply is limited because it is not easy to get hold of large quantities of lamb fat. Sheep are smaller than cattle.

"The lamb-only haggis is for the export market and we will dispatch about 200lbs as far afield as Malawi and Chile over the next few days. The lamb fat gives a slightly different taste. It tends to be richer and therefore is creamier on the palate."

Alan Hughes, the manager of a British-style pub in The Hague, said: "There are 60 people due to attend on Saturday night and we have a piper, as well as a lad from Edinburgh who is booked to address the haggis. The only problem is that we have a serious haggis predicament."

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Whitehall was obliged to rise to the challenge after Gulf War hero published bestselling memoirs

General paid price for leading his men in literary combat

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

GENERAL Sir Peter de la Billière is a legend, and that has been at the heart of the problem facing the Ministry of Defence in trying to stem the proliferation of insider books on the SAS.

No prudent army chief or minister wants a showdown with a soldier of his quality, experience and derring-do. Legends are rightly held in awe.

Even the briefest glance at his military career explains why the retired general was no ordinary commander. He first joined the SAS in 1956 and served on operations in Malaysia, where he received a Mention in Dispatches. Three years later he was awarded the Military Cross for action in Oman.

From 1964 to 1966 he commanded A Squadron 22 SAS on operations in Radfan and Borneo, gaining a bar to his MC. Between 1969 and 1974, he commanded operations in Musandam and Dhofar, winning the Distinguished Service Order. He was in overall charge, as Director Special Forces, during the Iranian Embassy siege and the Falklands War.

The SAS calendar is full of anniversaries, services and association events which now will no longer be open to former members of the regiment who have written books about their operations, be they officers or men. The biggest date in the calendar is in November, when the annual regimental reunion for serving and former members is held. General Sir Peter de la Billière is understood to have attended the last reunion. The Remembrance Service is also an *important occasion.*

However, Sir Peter, now 62, married with three children, represented a challenge to the Ministry of Defence. How could it take action to stop former SAS members from bursting into print without seeing to be operating on an equal basis, punishing both officers and men? There is already resentment among former troopers that the "Ruperts" (their name for the officers) were treated differently when it came to book publishing.

The ministry tried to stop *Immediate Action*, by Andy McNab, following the success of his *Bravo Two Zero*, but no action was taken to prevent Sir Peter from writing his two books, even though Ministry of Defence officials were not happy about his new literary career.

Sir Peter is also not an easy character to handle. He was never a Whitehall man; he has always been a man of action, usually operating in the utmost secrecy. But since the Gulf War, he has made public statements without, apparently, concerning himself with the political implications. No one would dare to accuse him of naivety, but he has upset more than a few in Whitehall with what they have seen as ill-judged comments.

In a BBC television series on the Gulf War last year, he accused the ministry of "disgraceful interference" over RAF low-level bombing. He had wanted to stop the bombing because of the loss of six Tornados and five aircrew after only four days. He claimed that the ministry insisted on continuing.

But he was wrong. He had misinterpreted a letter from a senior RAF officer. His remarks caused outrage among RAF commanders and he was advised to keep silent in future on such matters.

Sir Peter was not even the choice of the military hierarchy for the Gulf War job. A more orthodox name was put forward, but Margaret Thatcher insisted on having the former SAS commander in charge of British troops. It proved to be an inspired move as far as the American-led operation was concerned, because of his known reputation in Washington and his knowledge of the Arab language from his swashbuckling days as an SAS officer.

However, after the Gulf War was over, he proved to be less of an asset as far as Whitehall was concerned when it became clear that he was intent on writing his memoirs.

In an interview in Riyadh after the Gulf War, he told me that he was determined that the exploits of the SAS behind Iraqi lines should be recorded. *Storm Command*, his first book, published in 1992, duly included a chapter giving the first details of the now-celebrated Bravo Two Zero patrol.

He is understandably upset that he should face the wrath of the MoD over his books, as he sent both to the ministry and the SAS Regiment for approval. But what worried the MoD was the publicity that followed, the radio and television interviews, the newspaper serialisations and then the follow-on memoirs by the sergeants and corporals. The SAS, supposedly the most secret regiment of the British Army, was suddenly an open book.

Sir Peter would do nothing intentionally to harm the regiment. He lived so many years of his working life with the SAS, and played a leading part in so many operations, that no one could accuse him of exploiting his past to the detriment of the regiment. His books were intended to honour it.

However, he lost money as a Lloyd's name — reportedly more than £400,000 — while he was commanding the British forces in the Gulf and was unable to take action to avoid the losses. His son, Edward, was quoted as saying in 1995: "He lost loads of money in Lloyd's during the Gulf War, so he wrote his book to make some cash."

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SAS troops storming the Iranian Embassy in 1980

The general: since the Gulf War, he has caused upsets at the Defence Ministry

Kill 'n' tell yarns that took book world by storm

By Bill Frost

WHO dared, wrote and prospered richly while the public's fascination with the once-secret heroics of the SAS ran high.

In the afterglow of victory for the Allies in the Gulf War, Andy McNab was to make an estimated £5 million from *Bravo Two Zero*. His account of leading an SAS patrol caught behind Iraqi lines — three killed, four captured and one escape — has sold 1.8 million copies and until recently was still high in the paperback bestseller lists.

General Sir Peter de la Billière, his commander in the Gulf and author of *Storm Command*, is also selling well: 200,000 copies so far. HarperCollins, his publishers, would not discuss how much money he had made but one insider said it was "a tasty six-figure sum".

Widely seen as the instigator of the rash of SAS books — 40 so far — Sir Peter must have taken a rather dim view of some of his rivals. Many of the military procedures described could be seen as a threat to regimental security.

McNab also dented the superman myth. Such men were fallible: felt fear in combat and made a mess of their private lives.

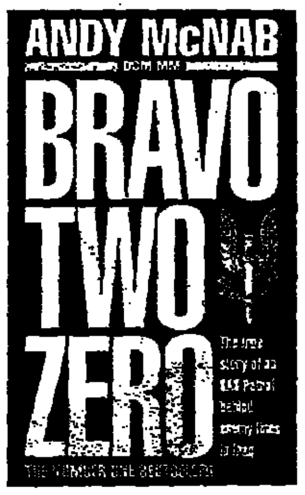
Bravo Two Zero's success brought a feeding frenzy as publishers rediscovered a market thought to have died with *Boy's Own*. McNab hit the bestseller list again last year with *Immediate Action* — the story of his life with the regiment before being sent behind Iraqi lines.

Publication of the book was delayed by the Ministry of Defence which won an injunction lifted by the High Court last year only when the author agreed to alter the text.

Corporal Chris Ryan, the only one of McNab's patrol to escape capture, benefited hugely from what publishers described as Operation Bestseller. *The One That Got Away* sold tens of thousands within weeks.

In 1995, Harry McCallion cashed in on his experiences with the numbingly violent *Killing Zone*. Vivid descriptions of brutality by some of those he served with in the SAS, the Parachute Regiment and South African Special Forces guaranteed a place in the bestseller lists and sales estimated to have made the author £55,000.

Last year marked saturation point for "shoot 'n' tell" SAS memoirs. Five books were published by former members of the regiment. All did well initially, some conspicuously so. Sergeant-Major Barry Davies was a Christmas favourite with his *SAS Escape, Evasion and Survival Manual* and *Shadow of the Dove*, written with one of the terrorists who hijacked a Lufthansa airliner he helped to liberate at Mogadishu in 1977.



Bravo Two Zero: the bestseller by McNab

Last September an insider's account of the role of women in the regiment raised eyebrows at SAS headquarters in Hereford. James Rennie's *The Operators* revealed the existence of the hitherto secret 14 Intelligence Company, part of the SAS. The primary role of "14 Int" is the surveillance of IRA units on their home turf. However, women have been "in at the kill" — playing a prime role in the annihilation of the eight-man Tyrone brigade in an ambush at Loughgall in 1987.

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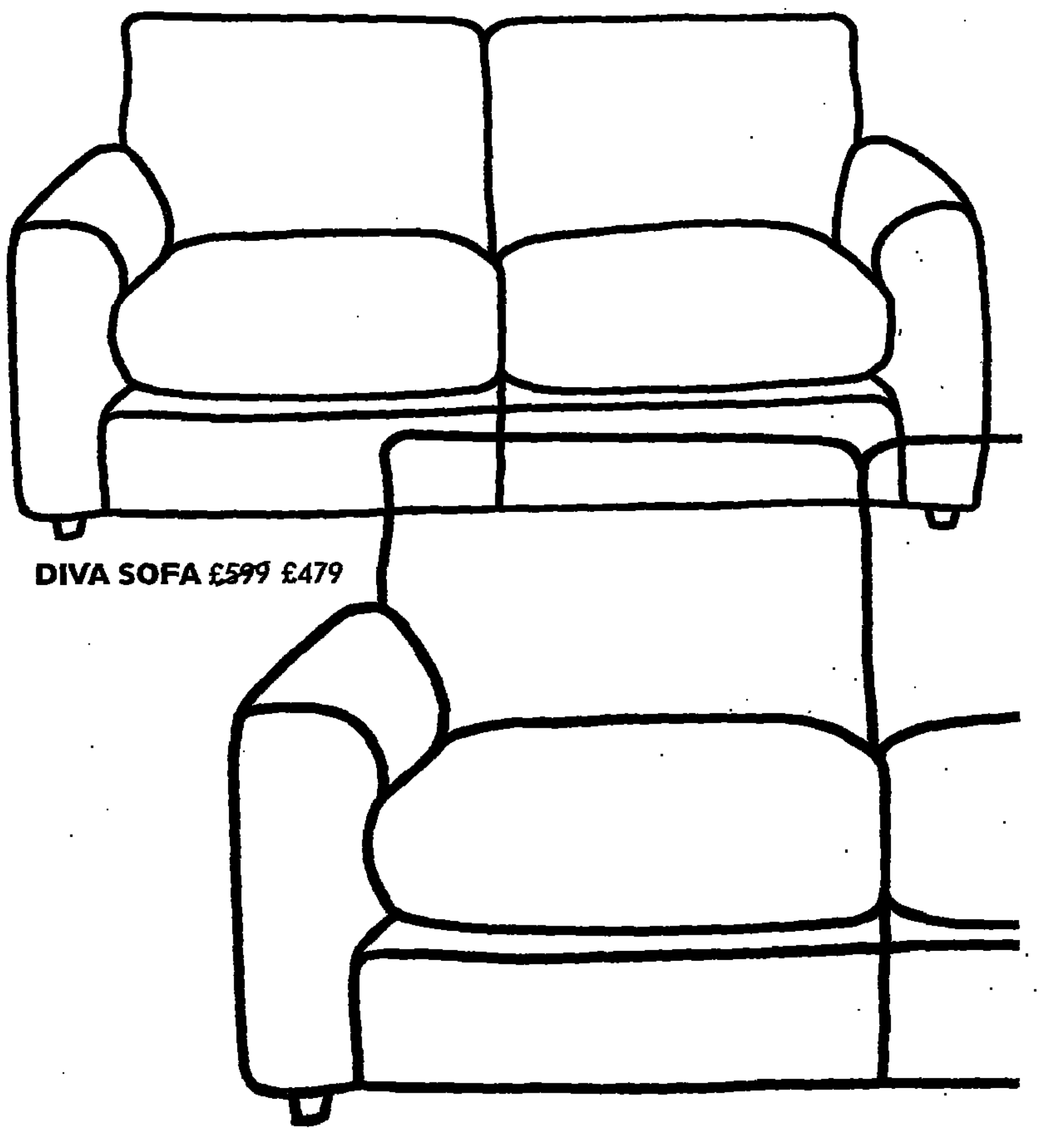

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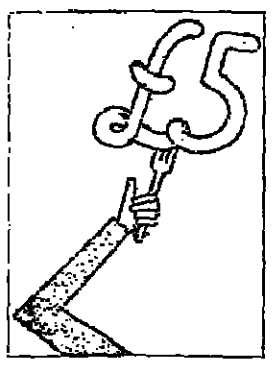

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Tell-tale bite mark led police to girl's killer, court is told

By Joanna Bale

A YOUTH accused of murdering the schoolgirl Naomi Smith left a distinctive bite mark on her body which was "better than an autograph" in proving his guilt, a court was told yesterday.

The imprint of Edwin Hopkins's upper and lower jaw on the girl's breast matched his "distinctive and unusual teeth" and DNA tests on saliva from the wound provided "extremely powerful evidence" that he committed the killing. Mr Hopkins, 19, denies murder.

Colman Treacy, QC, for the prosecution, told Birmingham Crown Court that Miss Smith, 15, was murdered after she posted a letter for her mother in September 1995. Her throat was cut and her body mutilated. "Certainly, what the killer did involved a warped sexual attack on that girl," he said.

Her father, Brian, and her best friend, Emma Jones, discovered the body under a slide on a recreation ground 100 yards from her home at Ansley Common, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, as family and friends searched for her. She had gone out at 9.40pm and, when she did not return a few minutes later, her parents became worried. They reported her missing just after 11.30pm. Mr Treacy told the court that Miss Jones had been on foot while Mr Smith was in his car, lighting her way with its headlights as they went to look for the missing girl at the recreation ground.

Naomi Smith: went out to post mother's letter

"Emma saw some sort of bundle underneath the slide," Mr Treacy said. "She ran over and, when she got there, she found a dreadful sight." Mr Smith put his daughter in the recovery position and rushed home to call the emergency services, but she was already dead. He returned with his wife, Catherine, to cover the body.

Mr Treacy said that a post-mortem examination showed that there was also bruising to her neck and face, consistent with having been gripped by the throat and punched.

But it was the bite that led police to her killer, he said. "In this case it was as if — probably better than if — the killer had left his autograph, because what was found in the area of the bite provides some of the most powerful evidence available to the prosecution in this case."

Police interviewed dozens of young men from the village and took swabs of saliva from their mouths for DNA profiling. Mr Hopkins was arrested when tests matched his DNA with the saliva sample from Miss Smith's body.

Casts were then taken of his teeth, one of which had been knocked out as a child, producing a "distinctive arrangement". Mr Treacy said: "Mr Hopkins's upper jaw and lower jaw are a match for the bite marks on the breast in every respect. There are no incompatibilities; no differences."

Mr Hopkins, a factory worker who lived with his parents ten minutes' walk away from Miss Smith's home, and who was known to her, denied the killing, but told police that he had been out on his bicycle at the time as he was on his way back to his sister's house from a local off-licence where he had gone to buy beer.

The court was told that his route coincided with that of Miss Smith and that he was known to carry a knife on occasions, as well as having a collection of them. "She was killed by a man who used a knife on her. The defendant had an interest in knives and you are entitled to know that information for the purpose of asking yourselves about the identity of the killer," Mr Treacy said.

DAVID JONES

Edwin Hopkins, who denies murder, was arrested after DNA tests

After explaining that the DNA from the saliva which matched that of Mr Hopkins occurred in less than one in 250 million people, Mr Treacy added: "From the DNA evidence alone, you may think that it is so powerful that the only sensible conclusion that you can come to is that the defendant is the killer. The other evidence clinches the case beyond any reasonable argument at all." Mr Treacy added that Mr Hopkins changed his shirt and trainers before returning to his sister's house. He concluded: "We say that the evidence is damning, but the defendant will not face the responsibility that he committed such an horrific crime."

Mr Smith later took the witness stand and was barely audible as he confirmed details of the case.

The case continues.

Police admit cost limits use of speed cameras

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

TENS of thousands of speeding motorists are escaping prosecution because police cannot afford to put film in roadside cameras, chief constables said yesterday.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said that many forces were rationing the cameras' use to balance budgets. Police should be allowed to keep part of the speeding fines or convicted motorists should pay an administration fee, they said.

Forces are leaving cameras empty for a time or setting them to trigger at only very high speeds. Police are delaying emptying the cameras of film to save processing costs and often miss the 14-day legal limit for sending out prosecution notices.

The cameras, introduced in the early 1990s, are used by nearly 35 forces in England and Wales. Installation, about £20,000 for each camera, is paid by local authorities. Motorists may pay £40 under a fixed penalty scheme or go to court and risk larger fines, plus costs which can go to the police. Recent Home Office research into ten forces showed the cameras saved £30 million a year in reduced accidents.

The Home Office said that officials and ministers in several government departments knew of police concern and funding was being studied.

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Children in care 'abused on unimaginable scale'

By Russell Jenkins

SOME of the most difficult and disturbed children were subjected to systematic sexual and physical abuse "on an almost unimaginable scale" at a notorious care home in North Wales during the 1970s and 1980s, a public inquiry was told yesterday.

Boys made 138 complaints of abuse against staff at Bryn Estyn, the care home in Wrexham at the centre of the biggest investigation in this country into child sex abuse.

With the headmaster turning a "blind eye", his deputy Peter Howarth used his position of authority to commit homosexual offences "of the gravest kind" upon boys.

Howarth, convicted of sexual offences against seven boys and sentenced to ten years in jail, was at the head of a regime of cruelty, fear and intimidation. Four others from Bryn Estyn were convicted of criminal offences at the home, including a residential child care officer, Stephen Norris, said to be obsessed with homosexual sex and later jailed for seven years for assaulting teenage boys; and Paul Wilson, a senior housemaster given a suspended 15-month sentence, who assaulted boys regularly. One other man was also convicted.

On the second day of the North Wales Tribunal of Inquiry into allegations of widespread sexual abuse in care homes in Clwyd and Gwynedd in the 1970s and 1980s, Gerard Elias, QC, said it was possible that a paedophile ring was operating at Bryn Estyn. He asked whether there was evidence of infiltration by abusers and concluded that there was little doubt that most serious abusers knew each other. The homes presented attractive targets.

Mr Elias told the tribunal, being held at Ewloe, Flintshire: "If there was a ring of abusers, how far did this extend? During the course of a police investigation in 1991-92, many names were mentioned as belonging to the alleged paedophile ring in North Wales. Some of these names were well known to the public ... the tribunal will leave no stone unturned in its search for the truth."

Mr Elias said that since 1975 there appeared to have been 16 police inquiries into abuse at homes. Complaints were recorded in almost half the 84 homes in the region.

Zurich Municipal, an insurance company, urged Clwyd County Council to suppress an internal inquiry into claims that abuse was widespread in its care homes because it feared that the victims would sue for compensation, the [illegible] told by counsel, Gerard Elias, QC.

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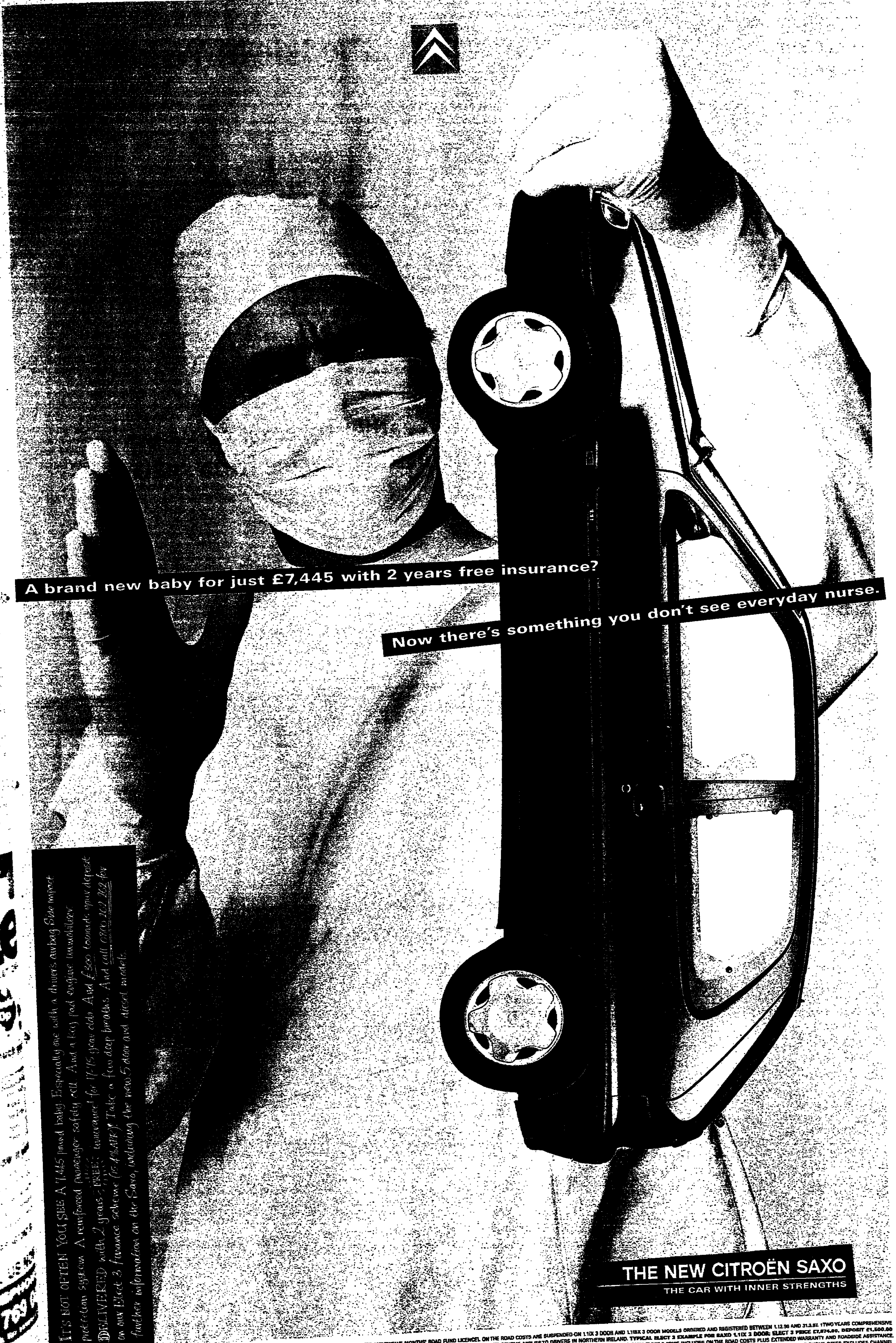

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Children can't find London on map

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

FEWER than half of all schoolchildren can place London on a map of Britain and more than a third do not know where Scotland is, according to a survey published yesterday.

Government advisers admitted that the evidence from 900 pupils aged between eight and 16 was "surprising and disturbing". The national curriculum stipulates that children should be able to identify principal cities, regions and rivers on a map of the United Kingdom by the age of 11.

Asked to point to London on a map, some children identified cities as far away as Liverpool or Aberdeen. Only 28 per cent could find Edinburgh: even in Scotland only 38 per cent answered correctly.

The survey, carried out by NOP for Microsoft electronic publishers, uncovered even greater ignorance of foreign countries. Only 42 per cent could identify Germany on a map of Europe and the same proportion knew that Japanese was the main language spoken in Tokyo. Only 18 per cent knew that the Acropolis was in Greece. Almost 20 per cent had no idea that the Pyramids were in Egypt or that the Statue of Liberty was in the United States.

The national curriculum requires children aged 11 to 14 to study in depth two countries outside Britain.

A spokesman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority expressed concern at the findings, although the older children would have passed through primary school before the national curriculum was introduced. "We would hope that children following the national curriculum would be much better equipped to answer these kinds of questions than some of these answers suggest."

Boys scored higher marks than girls in the test, with those in the Midlands and the South East of England faring best, with at least 16 per cent correct answers. In the South West, only 3 per cent of the answers were right.

New dinosaur found on the Isle of Wight

26ft hunter slashed prey with 5in claws

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A PREVIOUSLY unknown species of flesh-eating dinosaur has been discovered on the Isle of Wight. The almost complete skeleton is 26ft long and has a mouth full of razor-sharp teeth.

The fossilised bones were unearthed piece by piece over several years and have now been claimed as a new species by Steve Hutt, curator of the Museum of Isle of Wight Geology. He calls it *Neovenator salerii* ("Salero's new hunter", after the family on whose land it was found) and places it in the same family as allosaurs, carnivorous dinosaurs found in America.

The neovenator flourished about 120 million years ago and probably fed on herds of herbivorous iguanodon, which grazed the same habitat in the Cretaceous period. It would have reared up on its hind legs, putting its height at almost the length of the skeleton. "We believe the neovenator would run down its prey and then use its huge claws and teeth to cling on and make the kill," Mr Hutt said. "Its teeth range from 2cm to 5cm [¾in-2in] in length and its claws are up to 13cm [5in] long."

The first traces of the skeleton were washed out on the island's south coast by winter rains. More recently excavations were begun and enough of the skeleton was found to identify the creature as new. Identification was difficult because the bones were confused with those of an almost complete iguanodon.

Dr Angela Milner, dinosaur expert at the Natural History Museum in London, said that she agreed with Mr Hutt that the species was new. "It has taken a long time to collect enough of the specimen to be sure, but I am convinced by the evidence," she said. Mr Hutt said: "This is the first new species of flesh-eating dinosaur to be found in this country for many years, and the completeness of the skeleton makes it of huge importance."

IAIN POPE

Artist's impression of the new species, which flourished 120 m years ago and probably ran down its prey

The neovenator was slightly lighter and quicker than the allosaurus: "It is like comparing a tiger to a cheetah, I suppose." Using its huge tail as a stabiliser, the creature would have run faster than an average human and scavenged upon other kills as well as taking its own prey.

Tyrannosaurus rex belonged to another branch of giant flesh-eaters but lived in the late Cretaceous, 50 million years later, in North America and Asia. They measured up to 39ft from snout to tail tip.

"Neovenator was certainly the major flesh-eater around in the UK at this time, and evolved slightly differently from the allosaurus because the continent of which this area was part had just broken off from America," Mr Hutt said. "The well-preserved skeleton we have found is that of a mature adult and indicates that the neovenator probably grew to around 30ft long. All that is missing from this skeleton is the back of part of the skull and its forelimbs."

Scientists cultivate a recipe for riches

IN A breakthrough for food-lovers, scientists have succeeded in growing the golden chanterelle in a greenhouse (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Chanterelles, edible fungi found in woods, are big business, generating about £1 billion of sales every year, but at present all of them have to be gathered from the wild. Large quantities are imported from the United States, because the fungus is declining in Europe.

Dr Eric Danell, of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and Dr Francisco Camacho, of Oregon State University, report in *Nature* that they have persuaded the golden chanterelle to grow on the roots of pine seedlings and to produce the fruiting bodies that appear above the ground and are collected to eat. They suggest that a cultivated supply of chanterelles might be produced by planting out such prepared seedlings in a forest.

However, Professor Roy Watling, of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, is not so sure. He wonders if rival fungi in the soil might not displace the chanterelles from the tree roots where they grow. "The big question is whether these results can be repeated consistently," he writes in a commentary in *Nature*. He believes that a more likely method of cultivation would be to understand what the fungus gets from the tree it grows on, and to provide that artificially. Then chanterelles might be grown without needing to grow the trees as well.

The golden chanterelle

Antonio Carlucci, of the Neal Street Restaurant in central London, had other doubts: "Cultivation is not always a good thing. You can lose the taste, the smell and the colour. Cultivation may have some positive advantages, like a maggot-free environment, but the major advantage of a mushroom is the taste and smell. You might have something that looks like a mushroom but doesn't taste like one."

Weather forecast may soon include storms from space

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE impact on Earth of space storms — which can wreak havoc on computers, telecommunications and power lines — can now be accurately predicted after a breakthrough by scientists.

An international team of researchers, including scientists from the British Antarctic Survey, announced yesterday that they had for the first time successfully forecast the impact of a major magnetic storm after seeing it forming on the surface of the Sun.

The storm — a mass of charged and radioactive particles — hit Earth four days later with sufficient force to damage the Telestar 401 satellites, cutting television transmissions to millions of viewers in the United States. The satellite is still out of operation and may have short-circuited.

John Dudeney, of the British Antarctic Survey, said yesterday: "For the first time we were able to see the birth of a space storm and have sufficient instruments in place to follow its effects all the way from the explosion on the Sun to the final dumping of gigawatts of energy into the Antarctic atmosphere."

Severe magnetic storms have in the past triggered power blackouts, sent ships' magnetic navigation systems haywire and forced Concorde to lower its altitude to avoid hazardous radiation.

The explosion which discharged the particles was detected on January 6 by the Solar Heliospheric Observatory, a space craft built by the European Space Agency and Nasa, which orbits near the Sun. Satellites and ground stations tracked its path as it headed towards Earth, and collided with the atmosphere on January 10.

Bigger storms are expected as activity on the Sun intensifies and reaches a peak, called the solar maximum, in 2000. Scientists hope to be able to forecast storms a week or two in advance.

Computer veterans find time on their side

BY GLEN OWEN

AGEING computer programmers forced out of their jobs by whiz-kids are being asked to return by an industry facing a "millennium timebomb".

Millions of computer-based systems, including lifts, have internal clocks that are not programmed to recognise the change of date from December 31, 1999, to January 1, 2000.

Faced with the prospect of lifts stalling and databases crashing, at an estimated cost to world business of about £400 billion, countries are slowly starting to act. The Government has set up an agency called Task Force 2000 to raise management awareness of the threat.

Computer recruitment agencies are being called on to find the old guard of the software world. Many of the programmers who built up today's systems have since been laid off, unable to adapt to the speed of technological change. But only they are familiar enough with the older computer languages to do the necessary work.

Andy Smith, of the recruitment agency CFS Trident, said: "We are keenly aware that skills which seemed obsolete three or four years ago are now in great demand."

Clive South, of Software Personnel, said that finding retired programmers could sometimes be difficult. "They tend not to be registered with employment agencies, so they are quite hard to find.

"Then we have to work out how to attract them. We will be saying to them that we can give them a good salary for fun work. They can look forward to at least three years' employment."

In the case of home PCs, those built this year are expected to be able to cope with the change, but owners of older machines may have to go back to their software supplier to update their programmes. Otherwise some packages, for example accounting software, will go haywire.

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Citizen's jury is asked to solve problems of NHS

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

A CITIZEN'S jury of 16 people is being asked to decide which GP services the public is prepared to lose in one of Britain's most deprived areas. The verdict could influence the future of family doctors throughout the country.

The experiment is being held in Sunderland as the city tries to cope with a shortage of family doctors. The jurors will begin four days of deliberation on Saturday to consider whether they would accept some of a doctor's traditional duties being assigned to nurses or pharmacists.

These might include specially trained nurses dealing with common injuries and minor complaints such as colds, gastroenteritis, insect bites, allergies, cuts and sprains. It is the most important decision yet entrusted to a citizen's jury in Britain, although this type of public consultation is often used in Germany and the United States.

The NHS is looking for acceptable alternatives to meet a shortage of family doctors. Too few are training in general practice, preferring more glamorous specialties instead. Sunderland has particular difficulty in recruiting for an urban area blighted by high unemployment. The city needs 170 GPs to cope with the size of its population, but has only 137. Of those, a quarter will retire in the next five years or are considering moving.

The experiment by Sunderland Health Authority has run into difficulties finding jurors who accurately represent the population. Of the 16, only five have full-time jobs and only two are below the age of 46. Some younger people did not want to give up a weekend.

The jurors will be asked: "A number of services are currently available from GPs. Would local people accept some of these services from any of the following: another doctor, pharmacist, nurse practitioner?" Nurses could deal with minor complaints, and pharmacists could have an extended role advising on drug treatments and side effects. Doctors could be employed on short-term contracts by health trusts, but GPs fear this would destroy the personal relationships they build up with families.

Citizen's juries are a new form of public consultation in Britain, used as an alternative to opinion polls. The idea is to give a group of ordinary people enough information to study an issue in detail, then ask them to provide an informed opinion. The Sunderland jury will be given 15-minute talks by experts including doctors, administrators, nurses and academics. The idea of letting a citizen's jury make such a vital decision was condemned by Alice Mahon, the Labour MP for Halifax, who feared the method could be used to downgrade services under the guise of democratic consultation.

"It is quite a dangerous idea," she said. "I don't think ordinary lay members of the public have the knowledge to decide. We have to rely on professionals. I have worked in the health service, sat on a health authority and been a member of the select committee on health for five years. I still consider myself to be a lay person who just wouldn't have the knowledge to make these kinds of decisions."

Brian Posner, of the Sunderland local medical committee which represents GPs, said they had co-operated with the experiment and an open mind about the idea. "There are a lot of worries in the profession, certainly in Sunderland. We are not convinced it is going to yield any useful information. There are lots of potential pitfalls. For example, is the jury going to be truly representative?"

Maureen Dale, quality manager for the authority, defended the proposal, whose £12,000 costs are being provided by the King's Fund, a national research body. She said: "We aren't trying to cut services. The options we are suggesting to the jury are not necessarily cheaper. It is looking at alternatives other than big recruitment drives to get doctors into general practice."

Mahon: doubts if public has relevant knowledge

JACK DABAGHIAN

Yves Saint Laurent with Claudia Schiffer, wearing one of his bridal gowns, after his show in Paris yesterday

Yesterday's rebel is today's classic stylist

From Heath Brown
in Paris

AS WITH John Galliano recently, the appointment of Yves Saint Laurent to the house of Christian Dior back in 1960 caused raised eyebrows. Innovative ideas of dressing *haute couture* customers in trouser suits, student duffel coats and androgynous tuxedos shocked many at the time, but his revolutionary ideas soon became acceptable. After all the hype of the recent Galliano/Dior show (similar to the mood of that legendary first Saint Laurent show for Dior) it is interesting to see how the maverick of old compares with the new.

Saint Laurent's show yesterday had no outlandish shockers or picture-pleasing gimmicks. It was pure fashion. In true salon style, he showed a stream of perfectly tailored crêpe trouser suits with his usual boxy shoulder shapes (just right for today's silhouette) and floral printed chiffons. A reference to his groundbreaking past was shown in his "smoking" outfits — black tuxedo styles.

The current trend in asymmetric shoulder lines was followed, and Claudia Schiffer — stamping up the catwalk like a *Landfrau* — wore a sumptuous crystal embroidered evening gown. All in all, it was a very pretty collection, less busy and garish than YSL collections of the past. Once a good designer, always a good designer.

Nurses 'told to videotape insurance claimants'

By Dominic Kennedy
Social Affairs
Correspondent

NURSES are being asked to make clandestine video recordings of people claiming insurance payments for sickness and injury, according to their disciplinary body. They are also being encouraged to take blood samples without explaining to claimants what they will be used for.

The practice was condemned yesterday by the Royal College of Nursing, which warned nurses that they could face disciplinary action if they filmed patients, and could be guilty of assault and breaching confidentiality.

Nurses have been answering advertisements in local newspapers offering £12-an-hour casual work to carry out medical examinations on insurance clients.

Three of them telephoned the helpline of their disciplinary body, the United Kingdom Central Council, to ask if the methods were ethical. The council, which has powers to strike people off the nursing register, said that such work could breach nurses' professional duty to patients.

Liz McAnulty, the council's professional officer, told *Nursing Standard* magazine that its guidance was to act in the interest of the patient or client.

The Association of British Insurers, which claims that £560 million a year is lost to personal injury fraud, said nurses should not be asked to film patients covertly.

Leeds player questioned

THE former England footballer Carlton Palmer has been questioned by police over an alleged sexual assault on an 18-year-old girl.

Mr Palmer, who plays for Leeds, was held at a police station in the city for an hour on Monday and released on bail pending further inquiries. The incident allegedly took place in a pub on Thursday night. Neither the football club nor Mr Palmer's solicitor, Nicholas Freeman, would comment yesterday.

After a separate incident, Mr Palmer, 30, has been charged with assaulting a police officer and threatening behaviour and is due to appear before magistrates in Leeds next month. He would strenuously deny those charges, Mr Freeman said.

Yellow card for lion that angered Wolves

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

LOFTY THE LION, voted English football's top mascot, is to be stopped by Bolton Wanderers from performing in front of visiting supporters if the club decides that he may incite violence.

The antics of Lofty, who came top of a recent poll of football league mascots, caused a brawl during the first division match against Wolverhampton Wanderers last Saturday. The Wolves' supporters club is writing to the Football Association to complain about Lofty's half-time routine, which it says intimidated its members. Wolves lost the match 3-0.

Des McBain, Bolton's chief executive, said yesterday: "From now on, if we feel there could be a disturbance, Lofty will be told not to perform in front of rival fans. I have discussed the incident with Lofty and he is quite upset about the whole thing. He doesn't have any idea why there was such aggression towards him by the Wolverhampton supporters."

Lofty, named after Nat Lofthouse, the former Bolton and England centre-forward, who was nicknamed the Lion of Vienna, so upset the Wolves supporters that they pelted him with meat pies and tried to get on to the pitch. Muriel Bates, the Wolves Supporters Club treasurer, said: "The mascot is supposed to entertain the youngsters, not incite the rival fans."

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Will party activists be swayed by tales of adultery or sound of a Lancashire accent?

Southern toff meets northern lass in battle for safe Tory seat

By Andrew Pierce and Carol Midgley

THE Tory candidate for the party's most prized parliamentary seat, Kensington and Chelsea, will be chosen tonight after a contest between four sharply contrasting contenders.

They have been characterised as the Tory toff, the northern lass, Geoffrey's nephew and the local dark horse. The outcome is impossible to predict.

The maverick former minister Alan Clark is among the four hoping to succeed Sir Nicholas Scott, who was deselected after being found face down in a gutter at the Tory party conference.

Mr Clark, who lives at Saltwood Castle in Kent, failed to make the shortlist when the association last selected its candidate, after boundary changes. Now he has the backing of party members who want a Tory toff to succeed Sir Nicholas.

But many other members wary about replacing Sir Nicholas with an even more controversial figure. Mr Clark, historian, acerbic diarist and former Defence Minister, is a self-confessed adulterer who has made more impact on public life since he left Parliament at the last election.

His opponents have been photocopying from his best-selling diaries the description of his last Tory association in Lymouth: "Petty, malign, clumsily conspiratorial, and parochial." The excerpt will be widely circulated tonight among the 600 members expected to vote.

One member said: "He is a great wit who will draw in the crowds to our fundraising parties, but the downside is that he could be more of a publicity liability than Nick Scott."

Patricia Morris, 44, has growing support in the constituency, where many Tories would prefer a woman to be their MP. She is a judge's wife and lives in Bolton. Some of her rival candidates have privately confided that if they are destined to lose they hope that she is the winner.

At the 1992 party conference Mrs Morris, a devotee of Baroness Thatcher, upstaged Norman Lamont, then Chancellor, when she attacked the exchange-rate mechanism. It was only weeks after Britain's exit from the system on Black Wednesday and Lady Thatcher, who was on the platform, applauded loudly.

Mrs Morris and her husband, a circuit judge in the North West, have two children. She is a Roman Catholic and a member of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. She is deputy chairman of Salford Royal Hospital Trust and served her political apprenticeship fighting the unwinnable seat of Oldham Central in 1992.

Mrs Morris is not easily daunted. Attempts by Mr Lamont's officials to edit her speech at the 1992 conference failed. She had locked it overnight in a safe.

But even as they left the second round selection, members were overheard to say: "She's a terrific girl ... a great speaker with a warm personality ... But she's from up north — wouldn't she better suited to a seat in Halifax?"

Morris: staunch Thatcherite

Her support for Lady Thatcher, however, will be a great help tonight. She said: "It was Margaret Thatcher who really drew me into politics. I believe in free market economics and if that makes me a Thatcherite then I plead guilty. She was a great inspiration to women — proof that you could just get up there and do it."

But her doubters say that Arthur Scargill is more likely to be selected for Kensington and Chelsea as an unknown northern lass with an accent one described as "a bit too Lancashire".

Martin Howe, a 43-year-old barrister, could easily come through the middle. He is the nephew of the former Chancellor and Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe, and an avowed Eurosceptic and leading member of the Bruges Group. He is described as highly intellectual and one source said: "He makes Geoffrey look exciting."

Mr Howe lives in Fulham and also knows the problems of inner-city seats. "He creates the impression that he will rise the ranks and is Cabinet material," one association member said. "He could easily do it." Mr Howe refuses to discuss his prospects but knows he is seen as a safe pair of hands.

The dark horse is Daniel Moylan, the only local candidate on the list. He is a former president of the Oxford Union who runs a training firm for merchant bankers. He is a flamboyant and witty speaker who cut short a promising career in the diplomatic service at a relatively youthful age. He is 40 and a bachelor. A source said: "He has a strong and loyal following in the association, but he might be too theatrical when set against the other candidates."

Mr Moylan, a councillor in Kensington and Chelsea, fought the Erdington seat in 1983, polling only 231 fewer votes than the successful Labour candidate. He is an opera fanatic and has a reputation for being arrogant and on a different wavelength from working people. People who know him, however, say that this is a misconceived view and point out that he is a bus driver's son from Birmingham and altogether a "good, knockabout bloke with a great sense of humour".

Alan Clark and his castle: some Tories fear he will be a liability

Business leaders side with Heseltine

By Jill Sherman
Chief Political Correspondent

A GROUP of businessmen came to Michael Heseltine's aid last night as the Deputy Prime Minister increased his attack on Labour.

In a letter to *The Times* the seven Tory-leaning businessmen strongly criticise a report published on Tuesday which backs a national minimum wage, and ending Britain's opt-out of the social chapter.

The report from the Commission on Public Policy and British Business was attacked by Mr Heseltine on Tuesday, when he accused the authors of being politically motivated.

But the businessmen, led by Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixon, say in their letter that the views in the report cannot be justified "by any considered economic assessment". They suggest that the minimum wage would cost jobs and that the social chapter would mean more prescriptive employment law. "We in the retail industry entirely reject Professor George Bain's contention that his commission's recommendations would be good for British business."

The signatories include Archie Norman, chairman of Asda, and Blyth of Rowington, director and chief executive of Boots.

Earlier Mr Heseltine refused to apologise for enraging leading businessmen by accusing them of being a front for the Labour Party. He said that he would "keep on digging" until he had exposed the "fake" business support for Labour.

Downing Street said that John Major supported Mr Heseltine's attack on Labour, which he accused of showing "jackdaw tendencies" by stealing Tory policies.

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IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: Home Office questions; questions to the Prime Minister; Finance Bill, committee; Local Government and Rating Bill, remaining stages; debate on closure of Chesterfield Tribune Suite. In the Lords: Home Energy Rating Surveys Bill, report; National Health Service (Primary Care) Bill, report; Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill, third reading; Broadcasting (Sign Language) Order; Overseas Domestic Workers (Protection) Bill, second reading; debate on RAF Upper Heyford.

Parliament's chance to improve ministerial accountability

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Future governments under pressure will no doubt dissemble and try to hide embarassing information. That is a fact of political life which no amount of good intentions can prevent. But Parliament can at least lay down a benchmark by which the frankness and openness of ministers and officials can be judged. That may turn out to be the most important lasting result of the Scott inquiry into the Iraqi arms affair.

A year ago, the dominant political issue was the imminent report by Sir Richard Scott. But, as usual, there has been little interest in the aftermath. Yesterday's hearing by the Commons Public Service Committee on the Government's response was attended by merely half a dozen civil servants, three journalists, two members of pressure groups and one member of the public.

The MPs considered a draft resolution on accountability from Roger Freeman, Public Service Minister, produced in response to the committee's suggestion last summer. The draft is in line with the ministerial rule book *Questions of Procedure for Ministers*. It reaffirms the doctrine that ministers alone remain accountable to the Commons for "the policies, decisions and actions of their departments and Next Steps (executive) agencies". The resolution stresses the paramount importance that ministers give "accurate and truthful information" and correct inadvertent errors "at the earliest opportunity". Moreover, if they "knowingly mislead the House, the House will expect them to offer their resignation to the Prime Minister".

Ministers are also expected to be as open as possible, "refusing to provide information only when disclosure would not be in the public interest". In practice, there are likely to be few clear-cut examples and judging whether this resolution is breached will be a matter of discretion, and probably disagreement, as in the Iraqi arms affair. But the Commons and its committees would at least have a piece of paper to wave in the face of evasive ministers.

More contentious is what civil servants should be allowed to say. The resolution says they should be "as helpful as possible in providing full and accurate information", while noting that they do so "on behalf" of ministers and "under their directions". Labour and the Ulster Unionists accept this, but the Liberal Democrats argue that chief executives of executive agencies should be free to express their views in evidence.

Mr Freeman, however, defended the current bilateral line of accountability from ministers to Parliament and argued that a trilateral relationship involving civil servants would risk politicising them by associating officials with specific policies, would create confusion between ministers and civil servants and would undermine accountability. On his view, agency heads can discuss implementation but not policy. However, this is not a clear distinction. Agency heads are not only operationally independent but are now public figures, answerable on the *Today* programme, in ways their predecessors in Whitehall departments were not. Indeed, as Sir Peter Lloyd, the shrewd former Home Office minister on the committee, noted, agency heads are different from other civil servants, otherwise there would be no point in having them. In order to give candid answers to committees, they are bound to stray into policy.

The draft resolution does not resolve this problem, which mainly applies to the heads of a few big agencies. But the Commons will probably be given a chance to vote on the Liberal Democrat proposal when it debates the matter shortly. The priority, however, is to pass the resolution, as the Public Service Committee urged yesterday. That at least is something positive the current Parliament can do before it expires.

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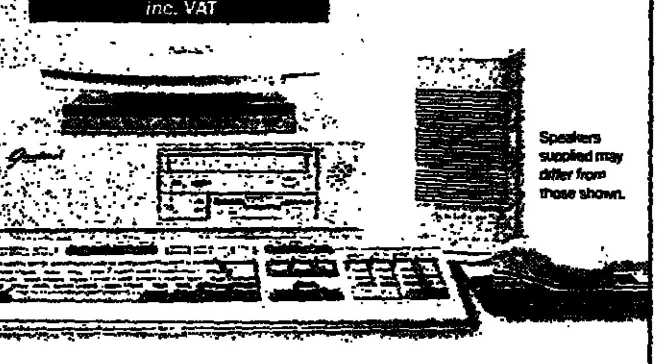

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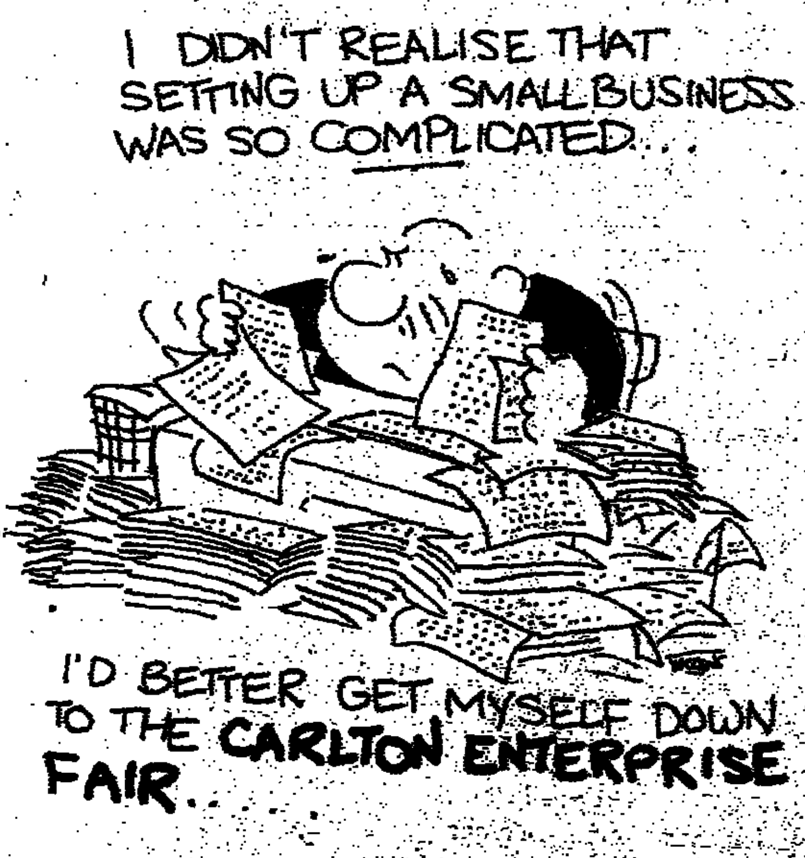

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MPs demand ban on media payments to trial witnesses

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

MPs called yesterday for laws to outlaw media payments to witnesses in criminal trials and to restrict pre-trial publicity.

The all-party National Heritage Committee, chaired by Gerald Kaufman, urged the Government to bring in legislation as soon as possible to ban media payments for the stories of witnesses. The MPs also called for the Contempt of Court Act 1981 to be strengthened, so that individual newspapers cannot escape punishment where pre-trial publicity collectively causes a trial to collapse.

They added that the Press Complaints Commission should impose fines and order compensation where there are breaches of its code; and that offending journalists should be named publicly.

The MPs, whose recommendations are made in a report, *Press activity affecting court cases*, strongly supported proposals from Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, in the wake of high-profile trials such as that of Rosemary West in 1995, to ban media payments to witnesses. In the West case, up to 19 witnesses were believed to have made deals and some received money. The problem also arose in the Moors murders case and the trials of Jeremy Thorpe and Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper.

Mr Kaufman said: "We believe that legislation should be brought in to make it illegal for the media — newspapers, television and radio — to pay witnesses in advance of, during or immediately after a trial." The Court of Appeal in its ruling on the Rosemary West case had said it believed that "this kind of activity could prejudice the course of justice", he added.

The report said: "The assumption behind the criticisms of payments to witnesses is that the interview may cause witnesses to exaggerate, distort or withhold their account of matters which may be the subject of evidence." Payments to witnesses in the West case did not affect the outcome, the MPs said, but could easily have done so.

The MPs were strongly critical of the revised code of the Press Complaints Commission, which has been drawn up to tackle buying up of witnesses, and they accused the commission of failing to take adequate action. "Time and again the Press Complaints Commission's reaction to criticism is to offer half measures when radical change is called for."

The MPs proposed that neither newspapers nor broadcasters should be allowed to approach witnesses until after the expiry of the time limit for giving notice of appeal against a verdict. If a journalist became aware of material relevant to a pending criminal trial, that material should not be bought or published, "but brought urgently to the attention of those responsible for trial".

Where no payments are made, the MPs said it was still undesirable for witnesses to be interviewed before trial. But they agreed with the Lord Chancellor that such interviews should not be banned.

They added that the Contempt of Court Act had proved inadequate to stop pre-trial publicity and self-policing by the commission was not working.

CHRIS HARRIS

Zia Mahmood yesterday: "The game is enthralling, almost as enjoyable as sex"

Card king looks to build bridges

By Emma Wilkins

The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship, in association with *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, began yesterday. Session times and prices: Wednesday 5.30-11pm £12.50. Thursday noon-4pm £12.50; 5.30-11pm £12.50; all day £20. Friday 12.30-6.30pm £17.50. Season ticket £35. Additional information: the White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NW1; 0171-387 1200.

THERE could hardly be a more appropriate address for Zia Mahmood, who describes himself as the best bridge player in the world, than Trump Tower in New York. The flamboyant Pakistan-born bridge enthusiast is fast succeeding Omar Sharif as international ambassador for the game.

Mahmood, 50, who was born into one of Pakistan's most wealthy families, once won £50,000 in an evening. He bought a Rolls-Royce, danced at Annabel's, dined at San Lorenzo and, by his own admission, gained a reputation as a bit of a playboy.

Now he is determined to do for bridge what his countryman and friend, Imran Khan, has done for cricket. "People think bridge is somehow boring and played by old people, but it is the most enthralling, exciting and stimulating game. It is like a drug. It is almost as enjoyable as sex. All my life I've been exceptionally lazy, rather egotistical and selfish, but when I play bridge I become alive, involved and sometimes humbled."

Mahmood was educated at Rugby and returned to Pakistan on the death of his mother. "When I was young, the only way to get a date with a girl in Pakistan was to join a bridge party because of the strict rules of chaperoning. The moment I played I was struck like a thunderbolt and I have never stopped loving or playing the game."

He puts his skills to the test this week during the Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship at the White House Hotel in London. The public will be able to peer over players' shoulders. Most are so engrossed that they are unaware of any other presence, Mahmood says.

Judge ends 'soft' handling of thief

By A Staff Reporter

A JUDGE rejected "soft" treatment for a persistent young criminal yesterday and instead gave him 12 months' youth custody for stealing a charity collection box.

It was Daniel Austin's second appearance in a week before Judge Coombe. Last week, he was given 12 months for manslaughter.

Austin, 20, of Feltham, west London, has convictions dating back to 1992 for thefts and burglaries. At the Old Bailey yesterday, Judge Coombe said: "He has been treated as mercifully as anybody can hope to be and it has absolutely failed. If ever there is a case where soft sentences do not work, it is this."

Austin admitted burglary at a chemist's shop last June in Hounslow, where he stole £80 in cash and a breast cancer charity box containing an unknown amount. Judge Coombe said: "Can anybody be more mean than that he should steal a breast cancer box? However much his own life has been disadvantaged, that pales into remote significance compared with those who suffer from cancer."

The judge had heard that Austin was thrown out of his family home at 14 and drifted between homes before reaching secure accommodation, where he mixed with young criminals.

Last week he was sentenced for his part in the death of a 20-year-old man in an unprovoked attack. Another man, Jimmy Watts, 21, from Feltham, was jailed for life for the man's murder. Austin said he never intended serious harm to the victim and did not think that Watts would use a knife.

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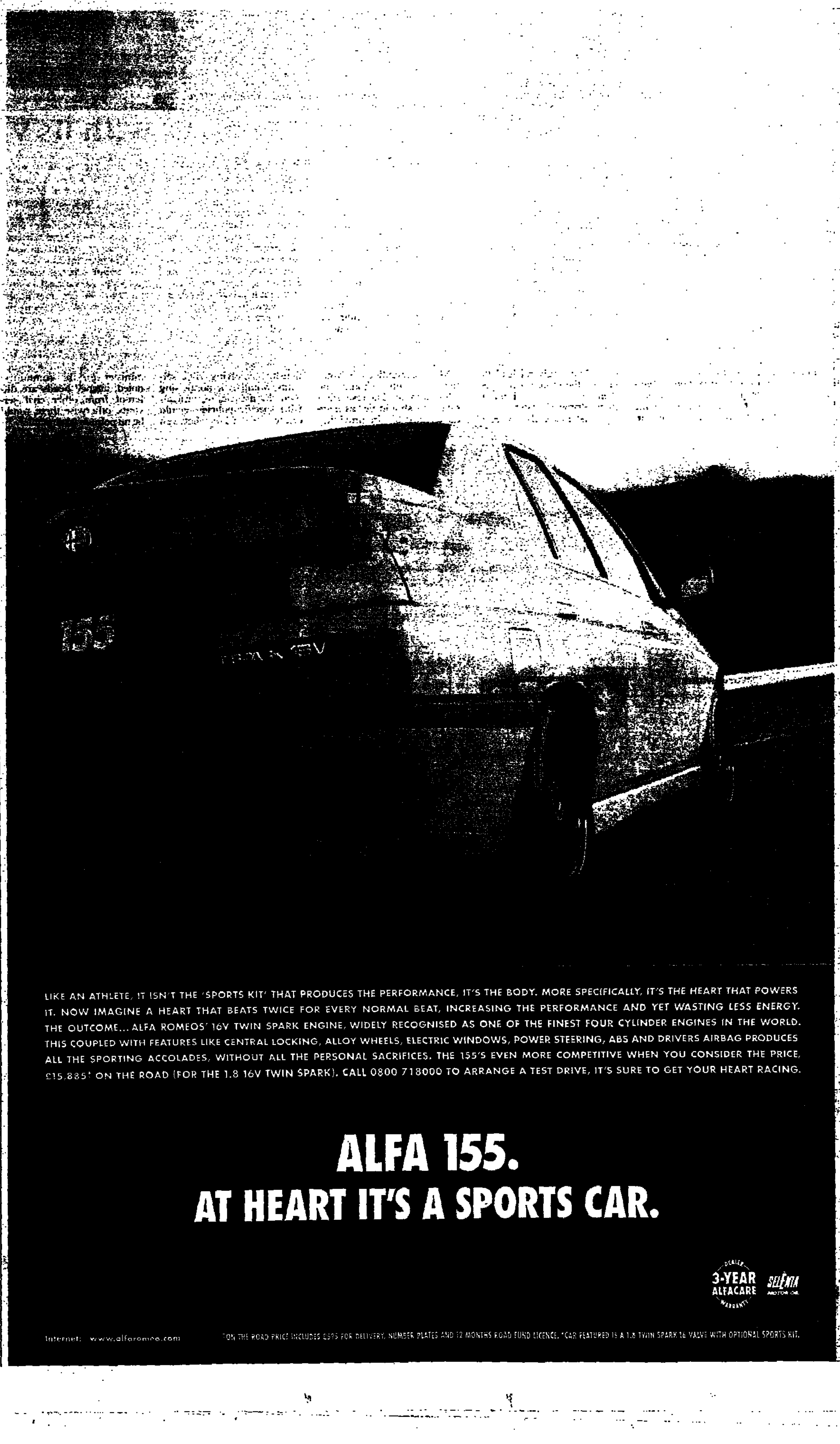

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Clinton bars campaign funds from foreigners

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX
IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has declared that his party will no longer accept money from foreigners living in the United States, in an attempt to give his second term a clean start, free from the controversies over fund-raising which shadowed Democrats throughout the election campaign.

In his bid to regain the moral high ground from the Republicans who have harried Democrats for *months over questionable donations, he also called on Congress to pass legislation quickly to tighten campaign finance laws.* "Delay will mean the death of reform one more time," he said, calling on both parties to work together to push through change.

In a conciliatory gesture towards Republicans, he also announced that his budget proposal for the 1998 fiscal year would recommend trimming Medicare spending by $138 billion (£83 billion) over six years, a much sharper cut than he *had previously* countenanced. Mr Clinton's budget, due to be presented to Congress in two weeks, will be a crucial test of whether congressional Republicans and Democrats are prepared to work with him and each other, or whether they will revert to partisan battles which could undermine his second term.

The President's call for campaign finance reform, issued late on Tuesday night in a speech to the Democratic National Committee (DNC), received a frosty reception from Republicans, who said Democratic fund-raisers must first demonstrate that they were working within current law.

Gerald Solomon, the Republican chairman of the House rules committee, called on the FBI to investigate John Huang, the Democratic fund-raiser responsible for donations at the heart of recent controversy. He questioned whether Mr Huang might have committed national security violations and economic espionage while working at the Commerce Department.

Controversy over both parties' fund-raising techniques comes in the wake of an election campaign in which they raised unprecedented sums of "soft-money" donations. These contributions take advantage of a loophole in current laws, which tightly restrict donations to individual politicians' campaigns, but apply much looser rules to party fund-raising, even though party funds may feed through to campaigns.

In addition, the Democrats have fallen foul of laws banning significant donations from non-US citizens. After Mr Huang's drive to raise money from Asian communities, the Democrats have been forced to return more than $1 million in contributions which appeared to violate the rules.

According to new party guidelines laid out by Mr Clinton and the DNC, fund-raisers will now turn down some categories of donation permitted by current laws. As well as banning all money from non-citizens, the party will no longer take money from US subsidiaries of foreign companies. Most significant of all is the party's new self-imposed limit on "soft-money" contributions to $100,000 from an individual, company or union.

☐ **Albright approval:** *The Senate moved quickly to confirm Madeleine Albright as Secretary of State, making her the first woman ever to hold such high office in America. No opposition was anticipated and her swearing-in was expected as early as today. She was to be the first new member of Mr Clinton's second-term Cabinet to pass Senate muster. (AP)*

Bomb as marchers attack abortion

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

A BOMB *exploded near a clinic in Washington yesterday as thousands of demonstrators marched through the American capital in protest over the 24th anniversary of the Act that first made abortion legal in the United States.*

Police initially said they saw no apparent connection between the bombing and a series of events to mark the anniversary of *Roe vs Wade*, the Supreme Court ruling that has continued to cause fierce controversy since its inception in 1973.

The attack followed two bomb explosions at an abortion clinic in Atlanta last week as activists appeared to step up their campaign in advance of yesterday's events, including the Right to Life march and pro-Choice speeches by Hillary Clinton and Al Gore, teh Vice-President.

As the FBI was called in to investigate the latest bombing, President Clinton said that only terrorists would perpetrate "acts of violence against those who are trying to exercise their constitutional rights".

☐ *Pipe bombs: Four pipe bombs and a cache of bomb-making material*, discovered at a small office just outside Atlanta, are being tested for possible links to last week's bomb attacks at an abortion clinic. *(Reuter)*

Yeltsin back at his desk as Duma fails to oust him

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S *parliament yesterday failed in its first attempt to* have President Yeltsin removed from power on the ground that illness has made him no longer fit to hold office. But left-wing and nationalist opponents vowed to continue their campaign until he is ousted.

Mr Yeltsin yesterday morning defied his doctors' advice and unexpectedly returned to his office in the Kremlin for the first time in two weeks.

His purpose ostensibly was to meet Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, but in reality to prove to his detractors that he is still well in control.

In the debate in the Duma, the lower house of parliament, Viktor Ilyukhin, the Communist deputy who initiated the resolution to get rid of Mr Yeltsin, said: "Due to his state of health, the President is incapable of exercising his powers. Either we agree to *Russia's collapse, or try to do something about it.*"

Deputies approved his appeal "in principle", but reversed their decision during a second reading, denying the resolution a majority. There may now be a third vote next month.

Sergei Belayev, the leader of Our Home Is Russia, the pro-government faction, denounced the proceedings as a "humiliating show" and stormed out of the chamber. He was followed by members of his party and liberal deputies from the Yabloko faction.

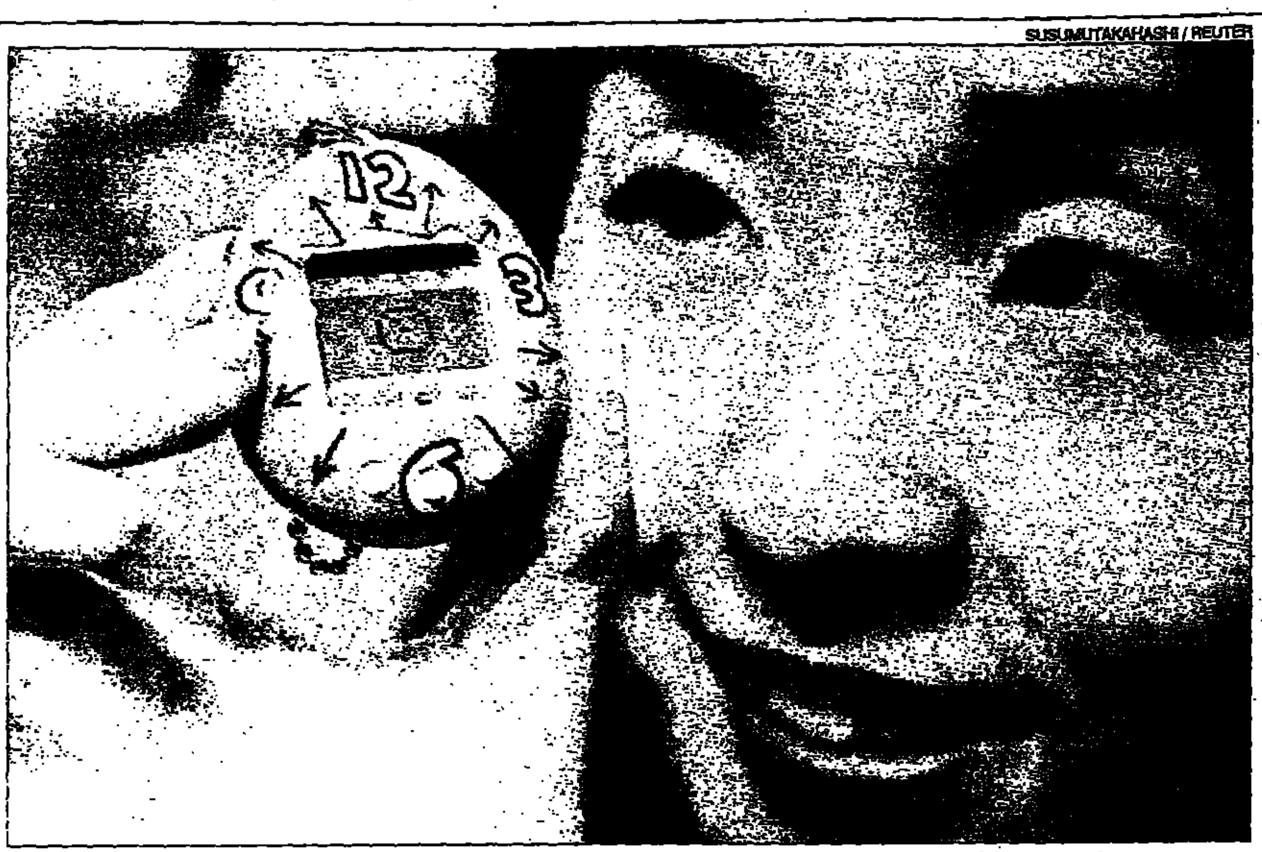
Whatever the result of the *debate, legal experts insist that it was an exercise in futility.* Russia's Constitution does provide for the head of state's removal if he is unfit to hold office, but it does not specify who makes the decision.

Andrei Vorobyov, a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, denounced the *parliamentary session as a "shame for Russia", and accused the Opposition of trying* to exploit what he called "an elementary case of the flu".

Nevertheless, the very public debate about the Russian leader's state of health, after an absence of nearly seven months, first with a heart condition and now with pneumonia, dealt a *humiliating blow to President Yeltsin's* already battered prestige.

And it is not clear that his brief return to the Kremlin did much to reassure the public, particularly since it was not filmed for television, suggesting that he must still look and sound very weak.

Ilyukhin: was behind debate in the Duma



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Keiko Okumura, who works for the manufacturer, examines one of the new birdlike virtual pets

Japan goes walkies with its virtual pets

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT
IN TOKYO

YOUNG women in their thousands are finding fulfilment by rearing a loveable new species of pet that has spawned a bizarre craze in Japan this winter.

The *tamagotchi* (cute little egg) is the name of a digital birdlike creature generated by *a miniature electronic game.* Since the game was launched two months ago, 350,000 have been sold, a black market has grown up and the pocket-size pets are changing hands for 20 times the retail price of 1,980 yen (£20).

But this is an electronic game with a difference — and a dark secret. The *tamagotchi may be merely a virtual pet, but it acquires a life of its own* once the owner sets a time button and the birdlike creature hatches on the screen.

From that point on, the *tamagotchi* imposes a rigorous routine on the owner: demanding to be fed, groomed and amused by emitting a variety of electronic sounds. *The creature squeaks with delight when fed titbits by the press of a button.* But an insistent "pipi", for instance, warns the owner that the creature needs to relieve itself. The appropriate button must be pressed, which is less irksome than taking a pet to the nearest lamppost, perhaps, but a demand the owner ignores at her peril (schoolgirls and *young working women are the most avid* purchasers).

"If you neglect to give the *tamagotchi* his three meals, snacks, clean up after him, and do the proper injections, he will fall ill," says Nahoko Araki, 31, a secretary and the proud mistress of a virtual pet. "Looking after him is a 24-hour job."

Creature comfort in Italy's prisons

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

THE inmates of Italian jails are to be allowed to keep pets, provided they do not pose a threat to other prisoners (poisonous spiders) or supplement the diet (chickens).

Judge Michele Coiro, the director-general of prisons, has told the governors of all Italy's 210 jails that "small animals — such as fish or caged birds — may be admitted for the comfort of selected prisoners". Governors will decide which prisoners deserve *the privilege and are capable of looking after pets properly.* "Murderous psychopaths and mafiosi in solitary confinement are obviously excluded," one prison officer said. "They will have to make do with the odd passing mouse."

Giuseppe Mellace, Governor of San Vittore prison in *Milan, which holds many of the businessmen and politicians caught up in Italy's anti*corruption campaign, said the jail was already too crowded. "I don't see how we can possibly get parrots and fish into the cells," he said. "You can hardly breathe in there as it is."

☐ Some British prisoners are allowed to keep budgerigars in their cells.

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5,000 cattle in Germany face 'mad cow' cull

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Bonn Government yesterday authorised the slaughter of more than 5,000 cattle originating from Britain and Switzerland in an attempt to dampen fears that "mad cow" disease was now endemic to Germany.

The measures — agreed at a crisis meeting of federal and regional ministers — were a response to the official confirmation that a German-born Galloway cow was suffering from BSE. The cow had a British mother and German scientists were quick to assert yesterday that this was proof of a vertical transfer of "mad cow" disease, from mother to calf.

"We have assumed such a transfer for a long time," said Thomas Schlicht of the Federal Institute for Veterinary Medicine in Berlin. "Now we feel that our suspicions have been confirmed." Hans Kretzschmar, professor of neuropathology at Gottingen University, agreed but said the problem was to determine how the transfer took place.

The politicians decided not to order the slaughter of calves until definite scientific evidence was found proving the vertical transfer of the disease. The cull incolves 2,600 British cattle and 2,600 Swiss cows. "The point is to show that the consumer can continue to be sure that the meat on the market carries no risk," said Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister. The Galloway cow was the fifth to die of BSE in Germany since 1992, and the first since 1994. Its shock value was high not only because of the possible health hazards, but also because it undermined the widely held belief that only British, or at a push Swiss cows, posed a danger.

Now it has been found that a cow born in Germany has been affected, making a nonsense of the signs in every restaurant, supermarket and butcher's shop that beef for sale comes only from German herds. Butchers — who reported a 20 per cent drop in beef consumption over the past year — reacted by drawing up genealogy charts worthy of a minor aristocrat, demonstrating no British animal had left a trace on the family tree of the displayed sirloin steaks.

There was sadness too in Germany as television showed at length the culling of the rest of the herd in Höxter in North Rhine-Westphalia; nine cows were shot by vets with anaesthetic bullets and then injected with a fast-working poison. Their brains will be examined.

Hans-Jürgen Mickus, a farmer who has been given police protection after threats from enraged local farmers, says he never fed the herd with animal-based fodder and used soya beans rather than ground-up sheep's brain to enrich the protein intake of the Galloways.

Since September 1990 no new cows have been exported to Germany from Britain. In February last year all beef imports from Britain were also stopped. Of the 3,400 animals that were imported before 1990, 400 have been slaughtered and their carcasses destroyed because they came from confirmed BSE-infected herds in England and Scotland. The rest have been put under very strict veterinary supervision and cannot be sold. Since August last year, the same has applied to their calves.

☐ **The Hague:** The Dutch Government said a cow imported into The Netherlands with suspected "mad cow" disease entered the food chain in 1995, but it said the animal was healthy at the time of slaughtering. A nationwide hunt for the animal was sparked by confirmation on Tuesday of the first cow born in Germany with the disease. Dutch farm officials said they had been informed that the mother of the cow was probably exported to The Netherlands in 1995. *(Reuter)*

Bulgarian leader in talks on crisis

BY RICHARD OWEN

THE mood of Bulgarians who have been protesting in their thousands on the streets of Sofia for the past 16 days turned from anger to jubilation yesterday as Petar Stoyanov took over as President from Zhelyu Zhelev.

The 44-year-old conservative lawyer is seen as the man most likely to guide the country out of its economic crisis.

Mr Stoyanov immediately began talks with the ruling Socialists — the former Communists — and the opposition Union of Democratic Forces (UDF) on how to restore stability and stave off economic collapse.

As he took over there were reports that Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's 85-year-old former Communist dictator, may be released from house arrest. Mr Zhivkov has told visitors he hopes to play a role in reviving the country. Inflation is at more than 300 per cent, bread is scarce and an International Monetary Fund scheme to prop up the currency is in abeyance until order is restored.

Mikhail Doichev, the chief civil prosecutor, said he was "freeing" Mr Zhivkov from house arrest over his 1992 conviction on charges of embezzling $25 million (£15 million) of state funds. But Valeri Parvanov, the chief military prosecutor, said Mr Zhivkov was still under house arrest in connection with other charges.

☐ **London:** Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will meet President Stoyanov next week during a one-day visit to Bulgaria (Michael Binyon writes).

Stoyanov: fighting economic collapse

ERIC GAILLARD / REUTER

Jérôme Meyssonnier, the governor of the French bank Crédit Foncier, is led from his office yesterday by his employees. Protesting workers at the bank's Paris headquarters released senior officials as well as the governor after holding them hostage for six days (Ben Macintyre writes). Union leaders promised to continue the occupation of the building, however, in their protest over government plans to break up the indebted property leader. M Meyssonnier emerged looking none the worse for his imprisonment in his own office and even paid tribute to his captors' good sense.

Hostage bank chief freed

Spain retreats over Gibraltar

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

IN AN embarrassing diplomatic volte-face yesterday, Spain denied that it was shortly to withdraw recognition of British passports issued in Gibraltar, publicly guaranteeing "total freedom of movement" through its territory to citizens of the British colony.

The climbdown, a considerable setback for Abel Matutes, Spain's Foreign Minister, came as Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, visited Madrid for talks on the Rock. Señor Matutes emphasised at a press conference that Spain "had never contemplated in the past, nor will it ever contemplate in the future, the placing of impediments in the way of the rightful freedom of movement within the European Union of the people of Gibraltar".

This statement was clearly at odds with the Spanish Government's bluster earlier this month. In a letter to the British Embassy in Madrid, the Foreign Ministry had given warning that it was proposing to treat as defunct a 1960 Anglo-Spanish visa-waiver treaty, under which Gibraltarians first acquired the right to travel freely through Spain. That threat sent an immediate wave of panic through Gibraltar, with residents fearing they would be "locked in".

British diplomatic sources said that yesterday's two-and-a-half-hour meeting — a resumption of the "Brussels process" under which British and Spanish Foreign Ministers meet annually to discuss Gibraltar — was dominated by the passports question. "There was a lot of very tough talking," an official said, "and we made it plain to Señor Matutes that there was no point in pursuing the Brussels process if Spain's reported threats were not officially withdrawn."

Sources reveal that Britain had warned Spain before Mr Rifkind's arrival that any interference in Gibraltarians' freedom of movement could lead to the European Court of Justice. Britain would almost certainly have won, EU law experts said yesterday, as the Treaty of Rome guarantees Gibraltarians freedom of movement throughout the Union. Mr Rifkind yesterday declared himself "very satisfied" with the "important clarification" he had received from Señor Matutes.

The Spanish retreat will put further pressure on José Maria Aznar to sack Señor Matutes in the spring, when the Prime Minister's first cabinet reshuffle is expected. Spanish political analysts have repeatedly criticised the Foreign Minister for indecision and lack of tactical sense, criticism that appears to have been borne out by the passport debacle.

It has not been a good week for Señor Matutes. On Monday, after three Spanish medical workers had been murdered by Hutu rebels in Rwanda, he earned himself much derision in the Spanish press by calling for intervention in central Africa in the morning, only, hours later, to describe such a move as "inappropriate and unhelpful".

The logic behind the passport threat is not immediately apparent. Coming on the eve of Mr Rifkind's visit, it served no purpose other than to raise the diplomatic temperature to just short of boiling point, and brought the angry withdrawal from the talks of Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's moderate Chief Minister.

Rifkind: "Satisfied with Spanish clarification"

Roman site halts building project

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Culture Ministry ordered a halt to building work in the southern city of Rodez yesterday after archaeologists went on strike, saying that important Roman archaeological remains were being destroyed with government approval.

Several hundred angry archaeologists marched through the streets of Rodez on Tuesday, saying that a housing project in the heart of the old Roman town, where building work started on January 13 with the personal approval of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, was in "flagrant violation of legislation protecting the national heritage".

The project has long been the subject of bitter dispute between Jacques Vernhes, a local developer, and archaeologists, who say the site contains important Gallo-Roman remains, as well as the well preserved ruins of a 13th-century medieval rampart.

Bowing to pressure from the 340 state archaeologists and the 1,800 who are employed by the Association for National Archaeological Excavations, Philippe Douste-Blazy, the Culture Minister, ordered the builders to halt work yesterday pending instructions from the Prime Minister.

The strikers promised to continue their action, however, citing fears that building work could start again. "This is not yet a victory," Jean-Emmanuel Gilbaut, of the state archaeological service, said. The archaeologists say that M Juppé, overriding the concerns of government-employed experts, allowed M Vernhes, a Gaullist member of the local town council, to send in the bulldozers.

"Even more incredible, archaeologists at the Regional Archaeology Service in Toulouse were ordered not to object or invoke the law to stop the destruction of the archaeological remains," the archaeologists' unions said.

The archaeologists' strike is hardly on the same scale as the recent strike by lorry drivers, but the issue of protecting France's heritage is a highly emotive one that could further damage M Juppé's battered image.

Pilots warned of hoax Brussels landing orders

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

AIRLINE crews approaching Brussels airport have been alerted to potentially dangerous radio instructions from a man posing as an air traffic controller.

The airport authority said the man, who has been broadcasting on a mobile radio from eastern Belgium since last October, had been using the standard frequencies and the correct jargon to communicate with aircraft.

"He tells them how to land; the normal messages — a bit higher, a bit lower, a bit to the left, right, that kind of instructions," said a spokesman for the Brussels airport authority. "He can only have bad intentions ... this could lead to accidents."

The man, who has so far evaded police, had caused confusion, but so far put no aircraft in danger, he said. This was due to the practice in which pilots read back all instructions to ground controllers who should immediately recognise that they had not given the orders.

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Swiss bank records aid Indian pursuit of guilty in arms bribery scandal

From Christopher Thomas
in Delhi

SWITZERLAND has handed over secret bank records to India with the names of politicians who took huge bribes from Bofors, the Swedish arms manufacturer, a decade ago. The papers are political dynamite and are believed to incriminate some of the biggest names in India. India entered a $1.3 billion contract with Bofors for the supply of field guns and Bofors is known to have paid large sums to Indian politicians.

A sealed box of documents was handed over at the Swiss Justice Ministry in Berne to the Indian Ambassador to Switzerland. More documents are expected to be given later, but the first batch provides most of the crucial information. The brown cardboard box, tied with red and white ropes, contains 500 bank documents as well as statements made by individuals questioned by Swedish prosecutors. The box is being carried back to India by Joginder Singh, director of India's Central Bureau of Investigation, who travelled to Berne to collect it.

"You can expect some action on this in less than a week," he said. "I guarantee that the guilty will not be allowed to go free. The real investigation begins now."

The Swiss courts allowed the papers to be handed over at the request of Indian prosecutors after ruling that the case involved corruption. There are suspicions that Indian authorities have been soft-pedalling in order to protect famous politicians. Swiss investigators said there was enough information in the documents for prosecutions to begin.

Asked if he feared political interference with his investigations, Mr Singh said: "Have you seen any interference in my work so far?"

Swiss prosecutors have recovered jottings made by Martin Ardbo, a former Bofors executive who negotiated the Bofors contract and the bribes, in which he said he was not concerned with the repercussions for most of the recipients of the "kickbacks" but he was worried about "Q" and his connections to "R".

Ottavia Quatrocchi, an Italian businessmen who was connected with the affair, was a close friend of Rajiv Gandhi, the late Indian Prime Minister, and his Italian-born widow, Sonia.

A pledge to make payments of $250 million to Indian individuals was included in the contract that Bofors made with India. The affair was exposed in the Indian press and in 1990, after Gandhi's electoral defeat.

Mossad highlights war threat amid calls for Syria talks

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

MOSSAD, Israel's foreign intelligence agency, was quoted yesterday as saying that unless stalled peace negotiations with Syria were resumed soon, all-out war between the two countries was likely before the end of the year.

The warning was contained in the agency's *1997 Working Plan*, which was given to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, by his new chief spymaster, Danny Yatom. Details were made public for the first time yesterday in *Yediot Ahronot*, the Tel Aviv newspaper known for its intelligence contacts.

The newspaper said that Syria, with its newly acquired non-conventional missile capabilities, had this year become "the number one threat on the security establishment's agenda". The agency emphasised that the country had overtaken previous security threats — Iran, Iraq and international terrorism.

The dramatic change in Mossad's perception of the Syrian threat comes after the breakdown of peace talks between the two countries last March, when Islamic suicide attacks in Israel left more than 60 dead.

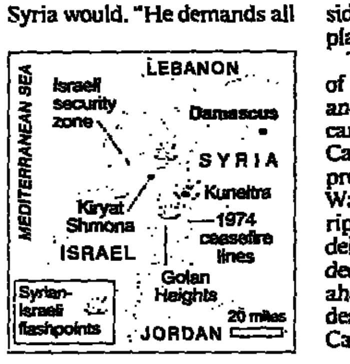
There were repeated war jitters in the second half of last year caused by a redeployment of Syrian troops inside Lebanon and Israel's reaction along its northern border and on the occupied Golan Heights. In the climate created by last week's Israeli withdrawal from Hebron, intense efforts, involving America, Europe and Egypt, are being made to restart the talks.

Israel's concern has been fuelled by recent Syrian attempts to boost its weapons capability by massing advanced Scud missiles to launch chemical and biological attacks on Israeli targets.

The main obstacle to resumed talks is the Damascus insistence that the right-wing Israeli Government should first repeat a pledge that was made, Syria claims, by its Labour predecessor to hand back the whole of the Golan — a strategic plateau captured by Israel in 1967 — in exchange for peace.

Mr Netanyahu has played a much tougher hand than Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, refusing to make such a pledge in advance and by securing diplomatic backing from Warren Christopher, the outgoing US Secretary of State, in ruling that it was never formally given.

Asked if he would consider giving back some or all of the Golan, which overlooks the Sea of Galilee, in exchange for peace, Mr Netanyahu told *Channel 4 News* that he thought he should enter negotiations as President Assad of Syria would. "He demands all of the Golan Heights. So do I. We view the Golan as a critical area for Israeli security. Our view has not changed."



Yesterday David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, disclosed that he was exchanging messages with Damascus via an unnamed European intermediary. Later, in a direct appeal to Farouq al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister, he said: "I am ready to meet you."

News of Mossad's fears coincided with reports that senior Israeli security officials have asked the United States to place additional restrictions on the accessibility of advanced weapons systems to Arab countries. Israel is concerned that its military advantage is slipping.

□ **Pretoria:** South Africa defused a foreign policy dispute yesterday, saying that it would consult Washington before making a decision on a big arms sale to Syria opposed by the United States and Israel. Political analysts said the move, taken at a Cabinet meeting and announced by Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, would lower the heat in a dispute where both sides seemed to have overplayed their hands.

The proposed sale to Syria of South African tank firing and guidance systems, which came to light via a leak of Cabinet papers this month, provoked a warning from Washington and an angry riposte from President Mandela. A spokesman said a final decision on whether to go ahead with bidding for the deal would be made at a future Cabinet meeting. *(Reuter)*

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Yella, aged six, is taken by her father to a temple where she will become a handmaiden to the goddess Yelamma. Many girls end up as prostitutes

Moonlight ritual leads to life of vice for children

By Christopher Thomas

THOUSANDS of pilgrims gathered in southern India yesterday to celebrate a Hindu goddess whose followers include an ancient cult that condemns children to prostitution.

Parents dedicated their girls, some as young as six, to become *devadasis* (handmaidens of god) to the goddess Yelamma. After a secret initiation ceremony an unknown number of children were taken to a temple in Saudatti, Karnataka, where annual full moon celebrations to Yelamma are held.

Most pilgrims have nothing to do with the cult, which officially enrols girls to become temple dancers but in practice forces them to become the sexual property of priests. The cult, which has been legally banned, persists in pockets of the south.

The tasks assigned to *devadasis* traditionally included fanning temple idols, carrying a sacred light and singing and dancing for the deities inside the temple and in processions. The origin of the *devadasis* is obscure, but temple inscriptions referred to them almost 3,000 years ago.

They held high status because they were taught to read and write and were accomplished in weaving and blending perfumes. Girls had to be given to the temple before puberty. Their status meant they were treated as sons under Hindu property law.

Yesterday, thousands of mud idols of the goddess lined roads packed with worshippers, most of whom had travelled for days. The goddess is popular among outcastes *(Dalits)* and low castes, who seek her protection. Becoming a *devadasi* used to be one of the only ways for a "backward" caste girl to rise out of poverty.

"We have been travelling for eight days but we will not marry our daughter to the goddess," said Kamala, a young mother travelling on a bullock cart.

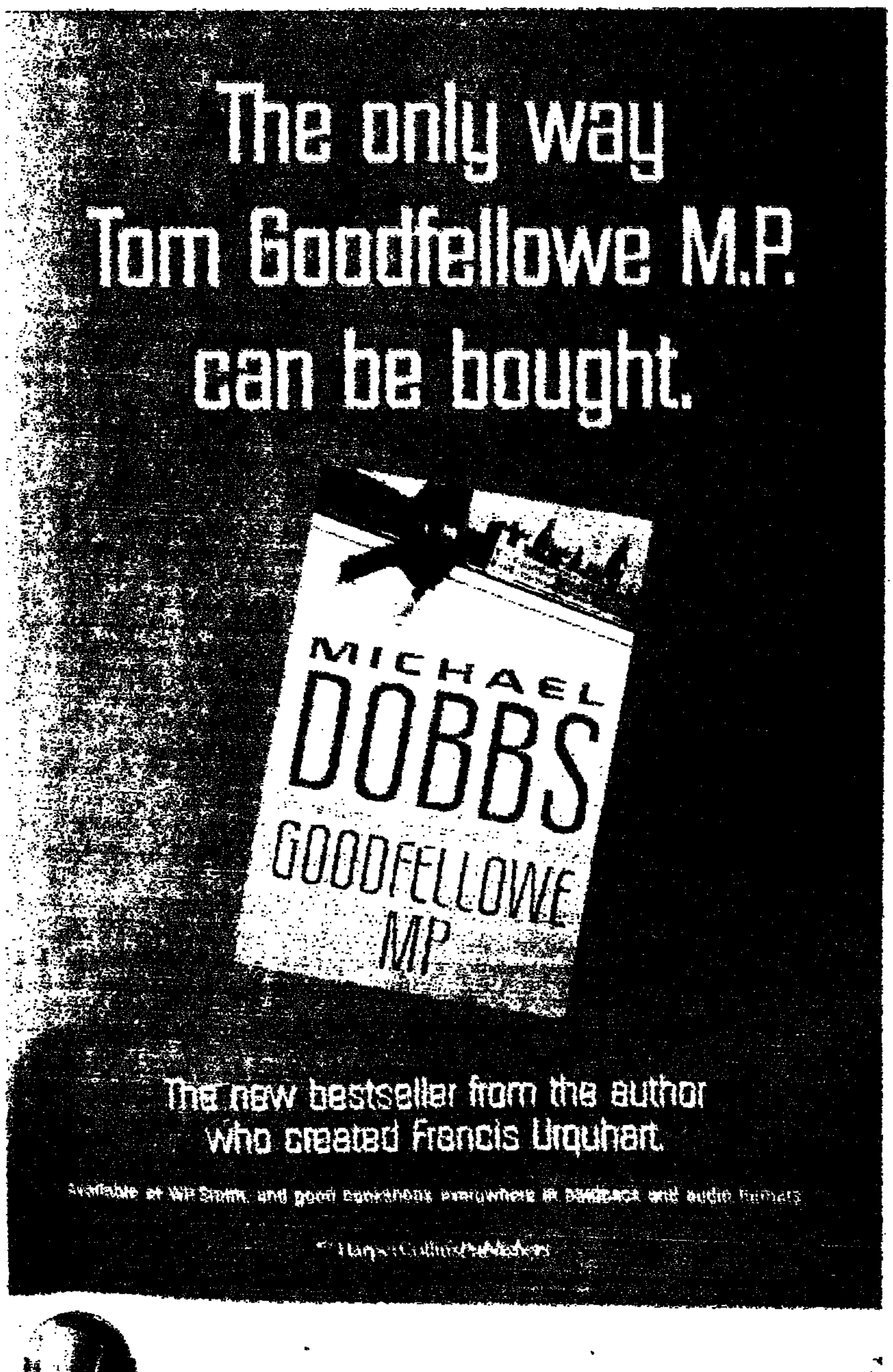
Chanrabai, a brothel-keeper from Bombay, said: "I am going to Saudatti because it is the only place where I can tell the goddess my sorrows and my joys."

People chanting and screaming crowded round a fetid pool where they will bathe today before making a three-mile uphill trek to the temple. Women "possessed" by Yelamma, a manifestation of the goddess Renuka, writhed on the ground [illegible]

A feast, to last until Saturday, began after dark. Most of the girls who become *devadasis* — they are identified by their matted hair — *will* [illegible] *but after puberty they can expect to* become prostitutes. Many end up in city brothels once the priests are bored with them.

Jayshree Ranaya, 45, who joined a government rehabilitation programme in the nearby city of Belgaum to help *victims of the cult, said she* "used to cry when men started doing strange things to me when I was very young. I was with one priest for five years and after he got married I had to go with different men. I had no choice. *I started begging and living on the streets of Belgaum*".

The cult also recruits a small number of boys, known as *Jogappas*, who are forced to become transvestite prostitutes. The privately-funded Indian Health Organisation in Bombay, *estimates that 1,000* girls are dedicated to the goddess each year. Other groups put the figure much higher.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Susu shows off her son

Lopburi: Susu, an orang-utan whose "marriage" was televised in Thailand, has given birth to a 2lb 7oz male.

About 100 people had gathered at the zoo here for the birth, including Yongyuth Kitwatananusont, a local hotelier who brought Susu from Taiwan for a male orang-utan, Mike, and sponsored their wedding. He vows that when the infant is old enough, he will find a wife for him too.

Mother and son are now in a secluded cage. *(AP)*

Susu cradles her newborn son at Lopburi zoo

Egypt signs for £190m 'Hollywood on the Nile'

From Michael Theodoulou
in Nicosia

THE Egyptian state broadcasting company has signed a £190 million contract with a British-based consortium to build a sprawling film studio on the outskirts of Cairo.

ERTU's new project, Media Production City, will be one of the world's largest production studio complexes. The initial three-year contract provides for six digital production studios, workshops and administration buildings. Seven more studios are planned in the second stage.

The "Hollywood on the Nile" is likely to confirm the Egyptian capital as the cultural centre of the Arab world and is expected to be a big earner for ERTU. The consortium is led by Sony Broadcast and Professional Europe.

The Egyptian film industry, which celebrated its hundredth anniversary in November, is the oldest in the Middle East and Egyptian-made programmes dominate viewing across the region.

With some 20 Arab satellite television stations and dozens more terrestrial channels, there is a growing demand for more material.

End inquiry, colony chief says

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

THE Hong Kong Government remained under siege yesterday as Anson Chan, Deputy Governor and Chief Secretary, said that there was no evidence that Lawrence Leung, the former Immigration Director, had been a Chinese "agent" or informer.

She called on the Legislative Council committee investigating his sudden retirement to drop the case because it was damaging the Government. In the face of leaks from officials in the colony and in London that Mr Leung had had covert dealings with China, Ms Chan said that he was forced into retirement last year because of "a disregard" of regulations regarding financial disclosure and "there are no other grounds".

Ms Chan was appearing before the Legislative Council committee, which "has been questioning officials about why, after 31 years' service, Mr Leung retired abruptly last July. Until Mr Leung admitted recently he was forced to retire, the Government had said that his departure had been at his request for "personal reasons".

Ms Chan said: "The Administration has not lied nor sought to mislead this committee." She said that her officials had acted within "the limits imposed by the rule of confidentiality", which was suddenly waived by Mr Leung. "We were not trying to cover up," she said.

Last week W.K. Lam, Secretary of the Civil Service, who said originally that Mr Leung had approached him and asked to retire for personal reasons, disclosed that Mr Leung had been guilty of a "lack of integrity" and had been given a choice between retirement within seven hours or disciplinary proceedings.

US warns Peking over reform of Hong Kong

Washington: The recent but steady improvement in Sino-American relations was thrust into uncertainty yesterday after the Clinton Administration issued its most terse warning to Peking over future government in Hong Kong (Tom Rhodes writes).

The State Department said Chinese plans to repeal parts of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights would seriously damage confidence in the region after China assumes control of the British colony this summer.

"We believe this recommendation should be re-examined carefully against China's commitment to preserve human rights, freedom of the press, and individual freedoms in Hong Kong," said Nick Burns, the State Department spokesman.

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Help for trapped drivers

Athens: About 50 British lorry drivers delayed at Patras by a Greek seamen's strike are frustrated and angry at their second such ordeal in two months, British consular officials said (John Carr writes).

The local British consulate is providing money and basic accommodation as the seamen who man the Greek passenger ferries plying between Patras and the Italian port of Ancona strike for the tenth day over Greek taxation. Almost all the ferries on the routes are Greek.

Ramadan toll rises in Algeria

Paris: Two car bombs killed at least three people in a garrison town south of Algiers, hours after two other explosions hit the capital in a Ramadan bombing campaign. Algerian newspapers said that more than 150 people have died in violence since January 10, the start of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. *(Reuter)*

Sixty killed in Rwanda

Kigali: Gunmen have killed more than 60 people in Rwanda in the past week, state radio and United Nations sources said. Many were refugees who had returned after the 1994 genocide. The Government said it had arrested three suspects over the murder of three Spanish aid workers on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

Shots fired by hostage rebels

Lima: Rebels holding 73 hostages at the Japanese Ambassador's residence here fired several warning shots, police said. Police had moved to within a few yards of the front of the property, often running past the gates. Some policemen threw rocks into the driveway. *(Reuter)*

Fires kill three in Australia

Sydney: The death toll in Australia's bush fires rose to three as firefighters combed through debris along the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria (Roger Maynard writes). The dead were identified as a young married couple and their woman neighbour.

Namibia is accused of seal meat cover-up

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

A BRITISH-based animal welfare group has accused the Namibian Government of complicity in a "scam" in which Namibian seals are illegally slaughtered, dried out in strips and sold to poor blacks. Buyers are unaware that the meat is unfit for human consumption.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (Ifaw) has documented how seals were carved up and dried on racks in a backyard factory in Henties Bay, the Namibian coastal town. Ifaw says that Alfred Liebenberg, the town's Mayor, who was appointed by President Nujoma, is closely involved in the operation and the Government is attempting a cover-up.

Peter Whitham, a shopping mall owner in Henties Bay, discovered the factory last week after going to investigate a putrid stench. When health inspectors arrived at the scene, they confiscated nine tonnes of seal meat and about 220lb of seal biltong — dried and treated strips of meat.

In an affidavit in the possession of *The Times*, Mr Whitham said that he confronted the owner of the property, who hurriedly dismantled the processing equipment. Quinton Liebenberg, the Mayor's son, also arrived to direct the clean-up operations.

Ifaw says the seals had been killed since last year's official season ended and eating the factory's meat poses serious health risks. Under Namibian law, sealing — the culling of specified numbers of bulls and pups — is allowed under licence between August and November.

Health inspectors have confirmed the factory did not have necessary health permits. Christopher Styles, Ifaw's campaign co-ordinator, said he found the meat drying racks next to open drains and a lavatory, and showed photographs of the meat crawling with maggots.

Ifaw has laid charges against Aldred Brink, the director of Sea Lions Products, one of two government-appointed seal culling concession holders in Namibia, who owns the carcasses found on the factory premises. Mr Brink is a business partner of the Mayor and has admitted experimenting with biltong and sausages and inviting people to try them.

There are said to be two other secret locations for seal meat factories in the town. The Mayor says he has no "formal" links with the factories.

Mr Liebenberg resigned from the council amid allegations of bribery and incompetence before being reinstated on President Nujoma's order and apparently presented the Namibian leader with a seal salami when he visited the coastal town in December.

Ifaw believes the Government has turned a blind eye to out-of-season culling and evidence that seal meat is unfit for human consumption because of high levels of parasites. "There is no doubt in my mind that the Cabinet is turning a blind eye to a national scandal," David Barritt, Ifaw's African director, said. "They are aiding and abetting flouting of the law."

Janie Jurgens, director-general at the Ministry of Fisheries, denied a cover-up. He said his officials had visited Henties Bay and were satisfied with their findings. However, he was unsure about whether the factory had met health regulations. Ifaw has called for a judicial inquiry and promised to keep up pressure on the Namibian Government.

☐ **Pretoria:** South Africa said yesterday it would ask the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) to allow legal trade in white rhino horn.

Jakes Gerwel, the Cabinet Secretary, said that government officials would make the request at the Cites meeting in Zimbabwe in June. *(Reuter)*

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Jack Harris, left, and Sileshi Semaw, who discovered the ancient stone tools, demonstrate how they would have been used

Find adds 200,000 years to toolmaking Man's age

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

THE earliest stone tools yet found have been discovered in Ethiopia. Dating back more than 2.5 million years, they are thought to have been made by one of the earliest species of *Homo*, ancestors of modern man.

The find pushes back the image of Man the Toolmaker by more than 200,000 years. "Surprisingly, the makers had a clear understanding of producing sharp-edged tools, an ability which probably gave them a competitive advantage," said Dr Jack Harris of Rutgers University.

He and Sileshi Semaw, an Ethiopian archaeologist, located the tools in the remote Afar depression, some 180 miles northeast of Addis Ababa and 50 miles north of Aramis where the oldest human fossils were found recently.

The famous bones of "Lucy", a member of the species *Australopithecus afarensis* that lived more than a million years before these toolmakers, was found only five miles away.

The tools are similar to those found by the late Mary and Louis Leakey at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania a generation ago; the main artefact types were cobbles from which flakes had been removed, the sharp-edged flakes themselves, and fragments left by the toolmaking process.

The Afar sites lie on either bank of the Gona river and fossilised broken animal bones were found with the stone tools. The crucial dating evidence was provided by palaeomagnetic and argon-isotope analyses of volcanic tuff samples.

The rock above the excavations was dated by changes in the argon gas trapped within it to 2.52 million years: this provides a minimum age for the stone tools, say Semaw, Harris and their colleagues, who publish their findings today in *Nature*.

The excavation level where the tools were found was closer to 2.6 million years on the basis of the Earth's ancient magnetic field, they say; the Gona region had changed from forest to open grassland. Today the area is desert and almost unpopulated.

Who made the tools is still unknown: while hominids of australopithecine type had been around for several million years by this time, *Homo* remains are little known before two million years ago. Australopithecines walked upright and had hands that could have made and used tools, but firm evidence that they did so is still lacking.

Some scholars believe that toolmaking ability goes with the larger brain found with the first species of *Homo*, Dr Harris said.

"Gona Gona, the richest site for addressing questions of human evolution between three and two million years ago, provides an opportunity to test this idea."

Ethiopia's vanishing footballers aim for asylum

From Richard Owen
in Rome

THE mystery of Ethiopia's vanishing national football team was solved yesterday when the players turned up at a United Nations office in Rome and asked for political asylum in Italy.

But lawyers said their problems were only just beginning, since it was most unlikely that they would be allowed to play for Italian teams, as they had requested.

Sixteen members of the Ethiopian party disappeared from their hotel on Tuesday morning during a brief stopover at Rome airport while on their way to play in the African Cup against Morocco in Casablanca.

Fourteen players, plus a team doctor and the manager, left in the early hours with their passports and luggage and the $300 (£180) they had each been given before leaving Addis Ababa. When they failed to turn up for breakfast and the bus to the airport, the team coach and goalkeeper — who was the only remaining player — began a search.

There were reports that the missing party members had been seen at the railway station, giving rise to speculation that they had joined the thousands of African *clandestini*, or illegal immigrants, in Italy.

But the 16 said yesterday that they had spent the night on the streets before going to the UN office and asking to see a lawyer.

One of the players said he wanted to stay in Italy because of the political problems in Ethiopia. But others said their real aim was to gain contracts to play with second or third division Italian teams.

Italy has strong links with Ethiopia, which it once occupied. The Ethiopian team had high hopes of a victory against the Moroccans on Sunday. The match has now been cancelled.

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Colombians call for extraditions

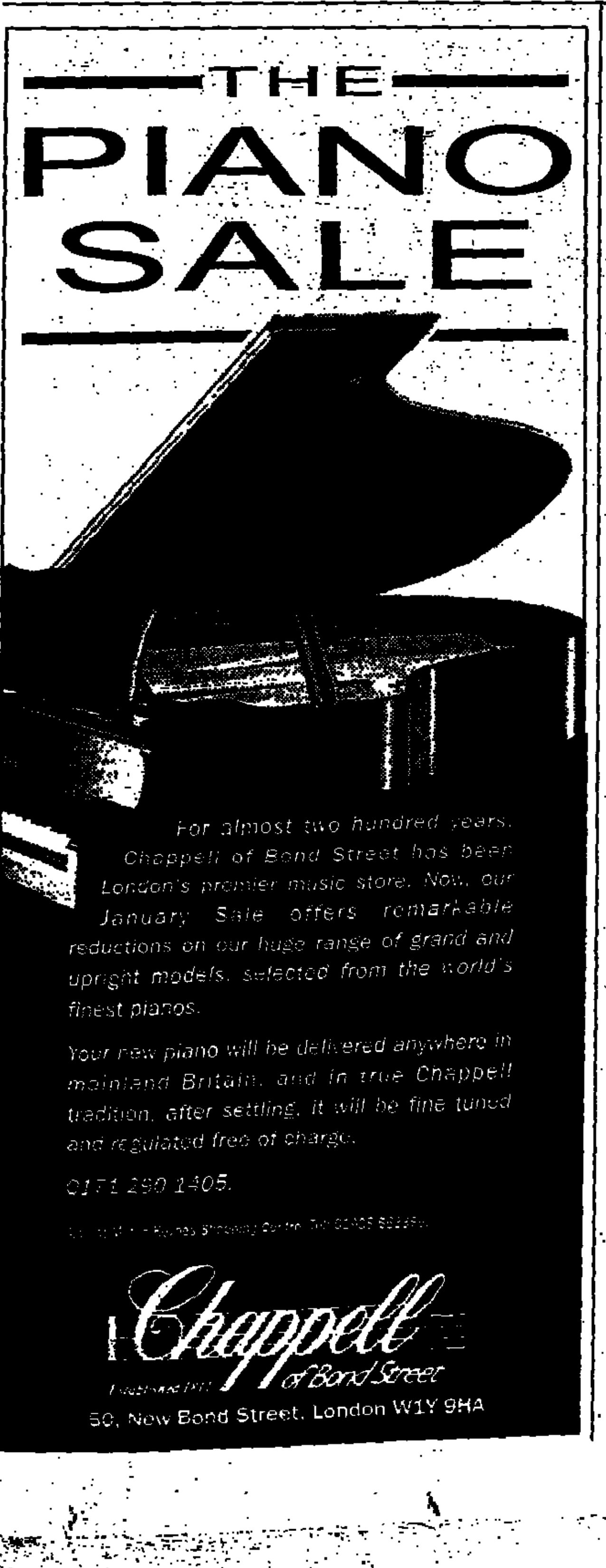
From David Adams
in Miami

PROMINENT Colombians are calling for the reintroduction of extradition for accused drug smugglers after short sentences were imposed on two leaders of the Cali cartel, who were wanted for questioning in the United States.

Last Friday the brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela were jailed for ten and nine years. With time off for good behaviour, they could serve only five years. An inquiry has been launched into what the Government described as possible "irregularities" by the judge.

"I'm in favour of extradition," said Manuel Bonett, the Colombian army chief. That view has been backed by some government figures, including Maria Emma Mejia, the Foreign Minister.

Six years ago Colombia's MPs, dozens of whom were bribed or threatened by the drugs cartels, banned extradition to any country.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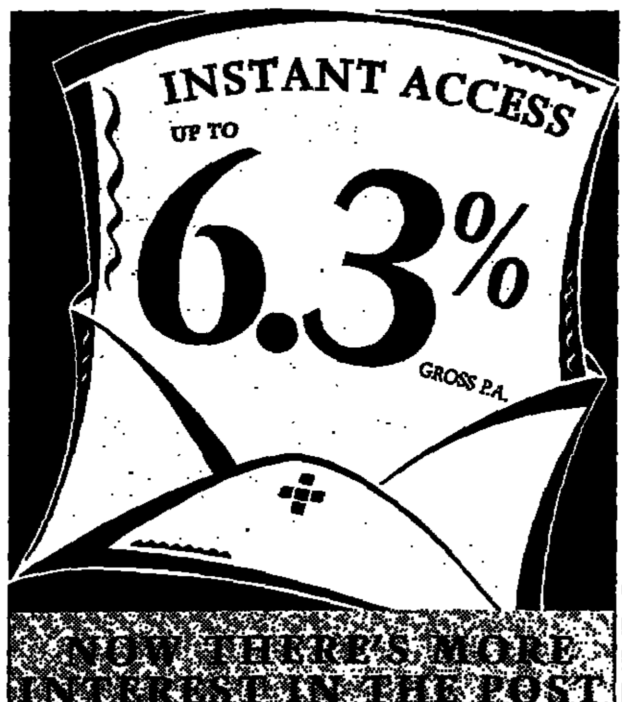
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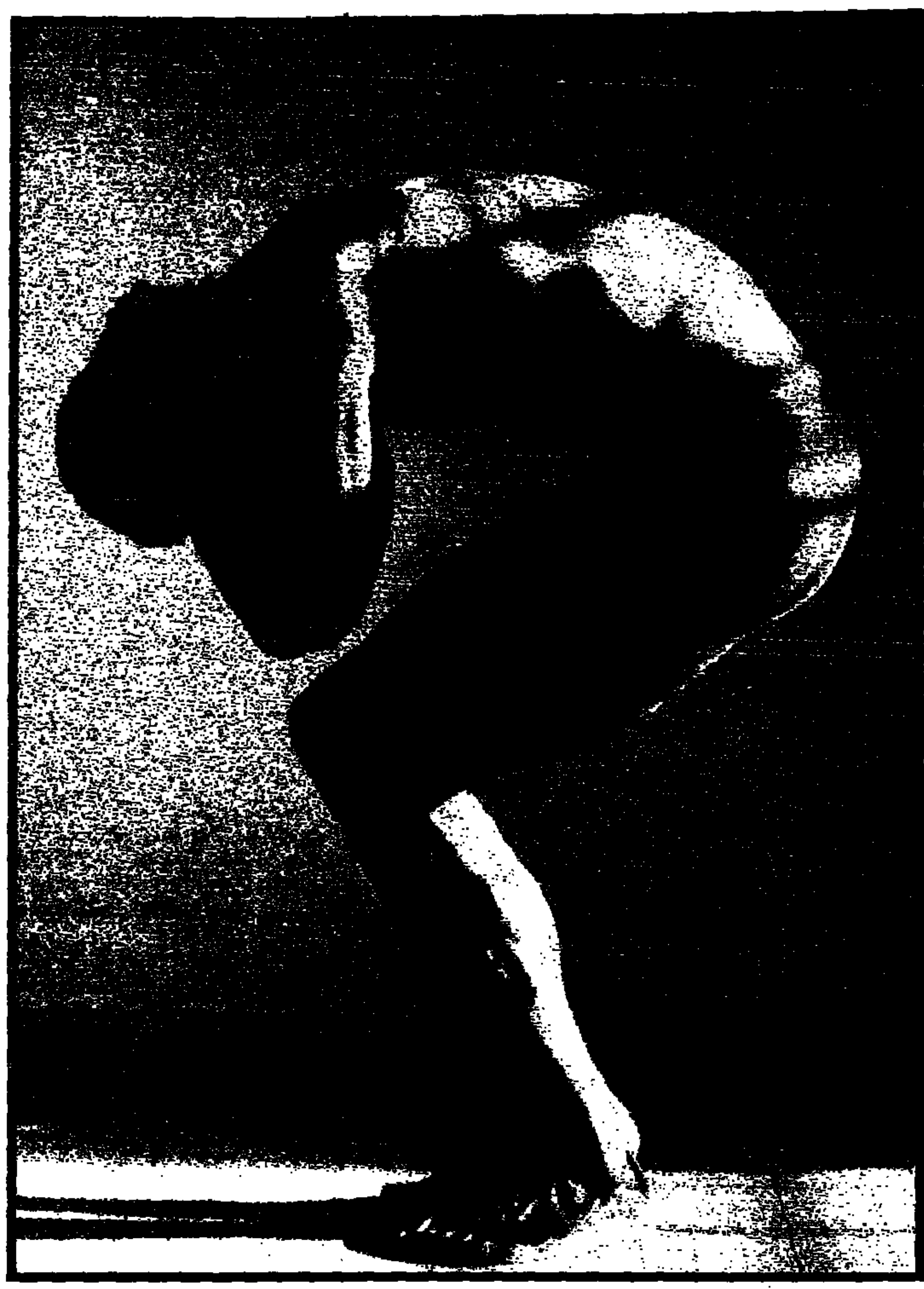
Dr Thomas Stuttaford on problems caused by the male menopause, how the heart can suffer during cold weather, women who cannot ovulate, and treating the twin scourges of the world traveller

When the competitive spirit starts to flag



It was once thought that symptoms of male menopause were rare, but medical opinion is changing

Dr Malcolm Carruthers, the Harley Street chemical pathologist who has made the male menopause his speciality, is off to Australia to publicise his research and his new book, *The Male Menopause*.

The male menopause is not characterised by the comparatively sudden decline in hormone levels which is seen in women. *Rather, it is the result of a* slow falling in testosterone blood levels. Testosterone starts to decline in the early *twenties and* reaches a level which causes trouble some time in a man's late forties or *early fifties. As the man grows* older, an increasing proportion of the testosterone hormone may be carried in the blood in a form in which it is not *readily available* to the patient's tissues. This has to be taken into consideration when *considering treatment.*

Although in recent years the concept that hormonal change *can cause physiological and* psychological changes in the middle-aged male has been medically unfashionable, *it is not a new idea.*

The signs and symptoms of the male menopause, or andropause, were first described in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* in 1944, but the author at that time thought that the syndrome was rare. Dr Carruthers, in Britain, and Dr Jens Moller, in Denmark, *have always maintained that it is common* — a view which records with the observation of many doctors.

A man in late middle-age may well find that he *starts* to suffer from a loss of vitality, of the competitive spirit, his sexual enthusiasm begins to fail so that he no longer notices who are the attractive women at a party, and he begins to *complain of the hundred and one worries* which plague a depressed patient.

As Dr Carruthers says: "The meno*pausal man has lost his ability*, *and often* his will, to succeed and in consequence he is depressed. Often he lies awake at night, *worrying and drenched in* sweat, although, unlike his wife, he rarely suffers from hot flushes."

> A man may well find that he suffers a loss of vitality

This week three stories have drawn attention to diminishing testosterone blood levels in the modern man. A report has *suggested that the sweetener* sodium cyclamate may possibly have anti-androgenic side-*effects, which in the opinion of* its opponents might — together with other chemicals — be *responsible for falling levels of* the male hormone.

The other two stories are more encouraging, and both have appeared in the medical journal *Pulse*. The journal reports that cardiologists working at the National Lung Institute in London have discovered that testosterone improves coronary arterial blood flow, and may be as important a cardio-protective agent in men as estrogen HRT is in women. The *cardiologists have also shown that there is* a correlation between low testosterone levels and coronary heart disease.

The British Heart Foundation is now to fund further research to study the effect of *giving extra testosterone to patients who* are already known to have heart disease, and whose hormonal levels are very low. *It is hoped that after using a testosterone* patch the men will find that their exercise tolerance will have improved.

The *other report* is from the University of Southampton, where Dr Fraser Anderson has shown that extra testosterone reduces the number of factors from osteoporosis in the male by a third. Both London and the Southampton research suggest that additional testosterone may provide a way to keep men active, mobile and potent *and that it may be only a* matter of time before every middleaged pair's bathroom cupboard has a his and *hers box of hormone replacement therapy* patches.

Spotlight on a chromosomal disorder

THE campaign to encourage women to volunteer to give their ova so that an otherwise childless woman might have a baby has drawn attention to Turner's Syndrome. The women who suffer from Turner's Syndrome do not ovulate, even when they are treated.

In Turner's Syndrome, which is the result of a chromosomal disorder, there is _complete or partial loss of_ one of the two X chromosomes. A woman with Turner's Syndrome is short, has a thick neck, drooping _eyelids, a broad chest,_ abnormalities of the hands and feet (sometimes of the _aorta as well) and poorly_ developed primary and secondary sexual characteristics.

A gynaecological textbook by Robert Shaw, Patrick Soutter and Stuart Stanton draws attention to the unusual development of the breast which can occur in patients with Turner's Syndrome who _have hormonal treatment._ The pink areola around the nipple grows to its normal _size but often the nipple itself_ does not develop.

Chilling facts of the heart

The ever-appealing Lucy, a Norfolk terrier, *moved off the sofa* on Sunday to welcome the lunchtime guests — but her master, and our would-have-been host, was in hospital recovering from a transient ischaemic attack (TIA).

During a TIA a small clot is thrown into the circulation by an irregular action of the *heart. The clot momentarily* settles in one of the brain's blood vessels and induces *the symptoms* of a slight stroke, which soon disappear. In half an hour our *host* was better and his only remaining problem was slight breathlessness, from his cardiac arrhythmia.

Our host's visit to hospital was *Lucy's fault*, for *she* had gone missing on one of the coldest nights of the year and was lost *on the marshes*. Her owner, chilled by an icy east wind, compounded the problem by going out before dawn the next morning in *his dressing gown and* pyjamas to feed the birds.

Feeding the birds is likely *to have been less harmful* than the prolonged chilling on the marshes, unless *the* sudden cold had induced a change in heart rhythm. For chilling to be *dangerous it* needs to continue for at least 20 minutes to induce *changes in the blood which* lead to ready coagulation.

In cold weather when the *blood is thicker, the platelets* are more likely to clump together and cholesterol rises.

Figures issued this week from the Office for National Statistics showed that 10,000 more people died during the recent cold snap than would have been expected if the temperature had been *nearer* the seasonal *normal*. The irregular action of the heart from which Lucy's *owner suffered* is known as atrial fibrillation. In this condition the collecting *chambers of the heart*, the atria, beat very rapidly, out of time with the pumping chambers, the ventricals. Only a small proportion of the atrial beats are transmit*ted to the ventricals, which* beat irregularly at a much slower rate.

If the ventricals are beating at a reasonable speed *the patient* will hardly notice the difference — but if they are pounding *too quickly he may* be breathless and suffer palpitations and angina. The *heart* when beating too quickly is less efficient. The tissues may *be less well* oxygenated and the patient may notice tiredness, or even a *poor memory* and *diminished* intellectual sharpness.

The immediate treatment *is to give* anticoagulants to prevent any clots which have formed in the atria from causing damage as they are discharged. Then the heart *rate is controlled, if need be,* with a digitalis-type drug, or an attempt may be made to restore a *normal rhythm* with an electric shock.

Our host is one of the *lucky ones. He will now need* to take warfarin, a much more efficient anti-coagulant than aspirin, which will help to prevent a second stroke. Anticoagulation will be needed for the rest of his life, but he will be back this week exercising *Lucy*.

Take care walking the dog when cold weather bites

Injection offers twin protection

HEPATITIS A and B are twin scourges of travellers who visit the more exotic parts of the world. The hazards of catching hepatitis A from food prepared, or served, by people who haven't obeyed the elementary rule of washing their hands after going to the lavatory is generally accepted.

There is still, regrettably, argument about the need to have hepatitis B injections. _Hepatitis B is given routinely_ to anyone who might be in contact with potentially infectious human fluids, _whether blood or semen._

Doctors, nurses, other workers in the field of health, prostitutes as well as homosexual patients, are routinely inoculated against hepatitis B but it is difficult to persuade all travellers that it is a wise precaution to take. _In many parts of the_ world it is the rule, rather than the exception, to be infected with hepatitis B _in infancy._

Even if travellers can guarantee that they will be resistant to the sexual charms of the locals, there is no certainty that they will not be confronted by children with grazed knees, or doctors with contaminated needles.

A new vaccine against both hepatitis A _and B, Twinrix_, has now been introduced. Three injections are needed with a combined vaccine and then patients are _protected against hepatitis A for ten_ years. But they will need a booster against hepatitis B infection after five years.

Old age, loose teeth and brittle bones

DOCTORS and dentists have _never entirely agreed on why_ so many older people develop the inflamed, infected gums _and loose teeth of gingivitis._

Both professions are at one in their belief that the immediate cause of gingivitis is a collection of debris around _the tooth root._

The resulting infection causes the unsightly, swollen, bleeding _gums._

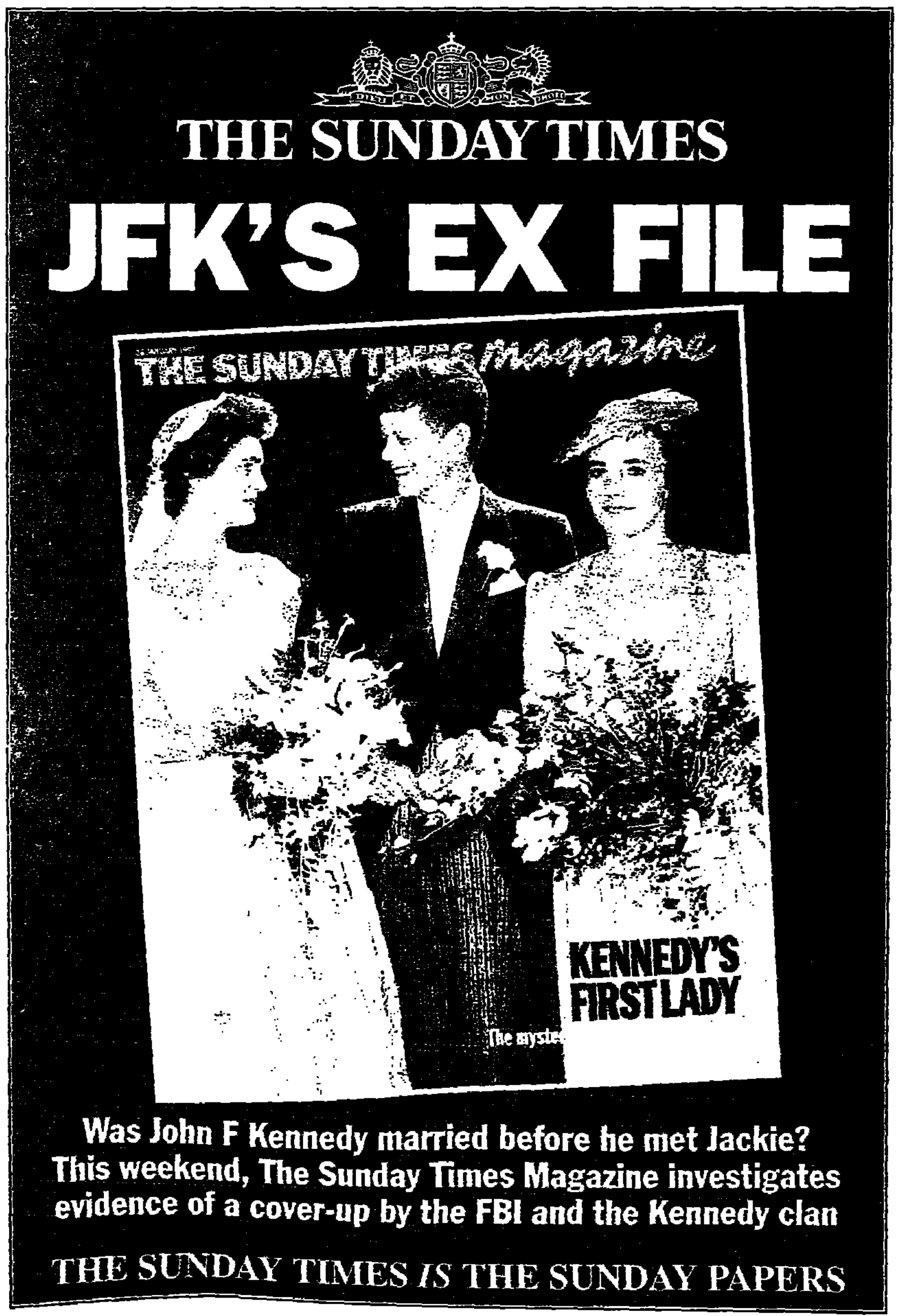
Dentists blame poor dental hygiene and suggest greater attention to gum massage, improved brushing technique _and the use of toothpicks._

Doctors, while lending their support to the recommended dental first aid, often add a mixture of antibiotics — _Amoxil and Flagyl are a_ useful combination — to the treatment.

Doctors, _too_, suggest that often the basic reason for the gap between the tooth and the jawbone is osteoporosis in the bone.

Support for the medical view that osteoporosis is responsible for many of the _cases of gingivitis is provided_ by the study of the teeth of 189 post-menopausal women.

The 45 women who had the loosest teeth and infected _gums_ were _also those who_ had the greatest amount of osteoporosis in their other bones.



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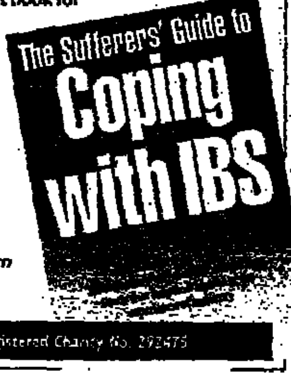

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ASPECTS OF LOVE

In Part Four of our series, **Maureen Freely** finds sex does not end with babies

Mr and Mrs Brown have money in the bank, a house with a swing set and two cars in the garage. The time has come to think about starting a family; so they settle into *his-and-her* wing chairs at opposite ends of their sitting room and embark on a rational discussion. The moment they come to an agreement, they close their eyes and make identical wishes, and presto! The egg that has been lurking inside Mrs Brown turns into an embryo.

That was the story I was given in the late Fifties when our teachers first introduced my classmates and me to the idea that sex and parenthood had nothing to do with each other. Even then, I knew there was something fishy about the glossy illustrations in the book they used. Mr and Mrs Brown looked so grim in their wing chairs. Why couldn't they relax, I wanted to know, and how exactly did the egg find out they bad made identical wishes? I knew there had to be another piece in the jigsaw, but because no one was willing to tell me, I gave up asking questions and bought the official version.

It wasn't until I was ten or eleven that I heard from a friend's elder sister that eggs were not fertilised by wishes; by then it was too late. My brain had been washed clean of all its scepticism. While I could just about accept the idea that men had something to do with conception, I knew my friend's sister had to be lying when she spelt out the details. I just couldn't see my parents, or any other parents, for that matter, getting that excited about each other.

Procreation was too serious a business for there to be any pleasure in it. So I insisted to my friends when I was 11 and 12, and so our sex education teachers seemed to confirm throughout secondary school.

When I left home for university in 1970 and found myself surrounded by people enthusing about the pleasures sex promised if you removed the possibility of babies, it didn't sound the least bit revolutionary. To those of us educated by the immaculate Mr and Mrs Brown, it was a truth we held to be self-evident. One day we would become like them — rational, responsible, joyless, sexless. The prospect made it all the more important that we had as much fun as possible before we saddled ourselves with swing sets and wing chairs. Alas, it was not as easy to escape their influence as we had originally hoped. *Sexual freedom*, like Brown-style family planning, was a privilege you earned by being your own most paranoid policewoman.

There was an *enemy inside you*. You couldn't let your guard down for a second. If you didn't remember to take that Pill every morning, if you so much as thought there was *such a thing as a safe day for* unprotected intercourse, you were courting disaster. But if you did exercise the right sort of vigilance before you had sex, you usually *didn't relax in time to* get any pleasure out of it at all.

Well, at least that's my excuse, anyway. I didn't have much fun during the sexual revolution. I was too busy *making sure my* body didn't betray me and ruin my life.

Perhaps this is why I was the first of my classmates to give up trying. By the time I was 24, I was married — and worried that I was infertile because I didn't conceive the moment I went off the Pill. A year later, I was pregnant and sure I was going to have a miscarriage. When I didn't, I went on to have nightmares about spina bifida, stillbirth and pre-eclampsia.

> ‘I found more pleasure than I had ever dared fake’

Then came the real nightmare of labour. Not only did I fail to turn pain into pleasure by doing the right kind of breathing, I failed in front of more strangers than I could count. I had always been the sort of *person who talked wild but actually* needed many months and dimmed lights before I could reveal all to a carefully chosen someone. Now it seemed as if every passerby wearing the right sort of doctor's coat had the right to come in and do an internal examination to find out how badly my labour was progressing. At one point I think I had the entire board of midwives in *there with me. They didn't look at* my face. They had eyes for one thing and one thing only, and they were not impressed. The truth was out I thought, now everyone knew I *was a fraud. So imagine my shock* when I discovered I had produced a baby with ten perfect fingers and ten unparalleled toes.

It was at this point that I stopped *thinking of my body as a juvenile* delinquent in need of constant medication. I could afford to let my guard down from time to time, and when I did, I found more pleasure *than I had ever dared* fake. Oh, yes, there were the usual deterrents — the leaking breasts that made me feel like a cow, and the sagging postnatal folds of flesh that did not make me feel *like a centre-fold, there* was the unwanted company — I don't think anything can ruin an erotic mood faster than *rolling across a bed into* a sleeping toddler. It is not much better if they *keep to their beds. If you have to get* up *in medias sex* to attend to a child with a nightmare in another room, you may be giving your partner more suspense than he can take. And if you have to get up five times a night for months on end, you can reach the point where even the *thought of sex makes you want to* fall asleep.

And yes, there were the scheduling problems if you tried to give yourself a break from those *window of opportunity quickies*, which would have been furtive if you had been able to keep your eyes open. *Alas, it was often so exhausting to* make the childcare arrangements for that much-needed weekend without the little ones, that by the time you got to the hotel on the Friday *night, the one and only* thing your heart desired was a duvet and a nice soft pillow. But things always looked different by Saturday. The facts of life with children never quite managed to take away the pleasure I got from finally feeling at home in my body — or take the intoxication out of the *discovery that sex you enjoyed* could result in a baby you loved.

Is this why I've ended up with so many? I always balk when people ask me that. I point out how terrible *it would have been for my son to be* an only child, and how lucky I was to have a daughter four years later. I say what a good thing it was that I didn't get sterilised after that even *though I had no plans to have any* more, because when I met someone new after my divorce, it was the new baby who made us into a family. I say it would have been a *shame to stop there*, because she deserved a playmate.

Still, the hospital family planning nurse must have *seen the glint in my eyes* when I was cradling my fourth and last baby. She wasn't quite as sharp with me as she was with a friend who had just given *birth to her fifth: she didn't go so far* as to say: “Contraception. Have you ever heard of it?” But her lectures about my responsibilities to the living were stinging and irrefutable, so *I've seen the light*, and gone back to constant vigilance, even though they don't sound like the *right words anymore*.

In the beginning, I worried that it would take the zing out of things. When you have enjoyed years of lying in bed after sex, wondering what *unique creature* you may have inadvertently conceived, it is hard to go back to pills, threads, *caps, condoms*, and the dull certainty that you have created no one.

That is, it's hard until you find out how much more there is to “protected” sex than you could have imagined when *you* were *young* and unattached but living in mortal fear of accidental pregnancy — *even with someone as familiar as* the father of your children, even if he's not quite the same shape as when you first met him. Even if you aren't either. It is strange to be *finding out so late in life that trust* is not always a libido killer.

I'm glad that life still holds *surprises*, but I *do wish I had had* some inkling in earlier life that sex wasn't going to end forever when babies appeared. Surely even Mr and Mrs Brown had some fun after *they escaped the tyranny of their* wing chairs. The time has come to expose their happy secret.

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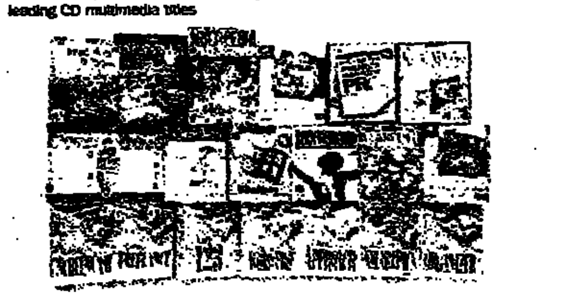

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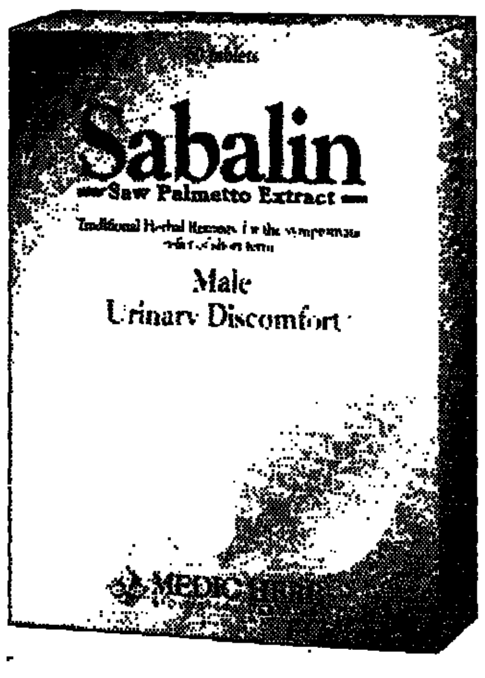

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The peoples of Europe must speak

Malcolm Rifkind says our EU partners can be won over

It is time to take the debate on Europe to Europe, and I intend to do so over the next few weeks. Those who press for more EU integration need to say where the limits of integration lie. And we must consider the crucial question of how to accommodate both those who want more integration and those who do not.

I want the British message to reach further than the chancelleries of Europe. This is a debate for the peoples of Europe, not just for the governments. I want the citizens of Europe to understand the sort of Europe we are seeking. We believe that the British Government's idea of Europe is in tune with the British people. And we also believe that many of the peoples of Europe share our aspirations. We want our modern vision of Europe to be understood for what it is: the way to sustain the European ideal in the long term.

Though some of our traditions may differ from those of other member states, the essential interests remain the same. We and our European partners share the same goals of security and prosperity for our citizens. Although we have all the characteristics of an island nation, Britain is part of the European tradition. We are committed to a European identity because only through co-operation in Europe can we best promote the interests of the British people. This means making the most of our European Union membership.

We do not see a Manichean choice between a federal Europe and nothing. Many people across Europe would agree. Many of us feel that the debate has become too polarised between stark choices of in or out. There is a third way. Britain believes that the European Union is, and must remain more than a free trade area. In many areas, the benefits of regional co-operation are unarguable, indeed compelling. The case for regional measures, regionally enforced, to tackle pollution across boundaries is obvious. The EU is a powerful actor in the arena of international trade. Here again, we have common interests where a united approach pays dividends. We all want Europe's voice in the world to be strengthened.

Britain has lots of ideas about how to improve the functioning of our common foreign and security policy. No one questions the pressing need for us to develop the closest possible inter-governmental co-operation against international crime, drugs and terrorism. These are all concerns close to the hearts of our peoples. They all agree that we must act together to deal with them.

But we do not and will not believe in a European superstate. The future lies between the two poles of federalism and a free trade area. Britain's view is that the best future for us all lies in a partnership of nations, where Europe concentrates single-mindedly on what needs to be done at a European level, and does it well. We support co-operation that focuses on lifting the prosperity, quality of life and security of our citizens. It is their interest that should guide us. I am sure General de Gaulle had the same interests in mind when he envisaged a "Europe des patries".

Most people still expect that decisions affecting them should be taken by domestic politicians, speaking their language and accountable to them. They understand that there is a need for supranational rules to make sure that, for example, the single market functions freely. But they want supranational measures kept to a minimum. Further integration should be pursued only where it makes sense, not for its own sake. It makes sense when there is an identifiable gain for our citizens, when they will be materially better off or safer as a result of further integration. Anything else is ideology for its own sake.

These ideals are as relevant to ordinary Frenchmen, Germans and Italians as to the people of Britain. It is clear that tens of millions of people throughout Europe are as determined as we are to build a Europe based on partnership, but who like us are uneasy with and unimpressed by the desire to supplant the nation-state as the building block of Europe. Such concerns were expressed in the Maastricht referendums in Denmark and France, in opinion polls in Germany and in voter-apathy in European Parliament elections across the continent.

These concerns need to be heard. For too long the debate has been conducted between politicians with occasional contributions from academics, diplomats and journalists. In future it must involve the whole adult population.

Europe is better educated and more sophisticated than ever before. Modern communications, television and travel allow public issues to be the preserve not only of an élite, but of society as a whole. The new diplomacy cannot be just for diplomats; it must reach out and involve the whole public.

Nowhere is this truer than in regard to the EU's future. The negotiations in the Council of Ministers, in the Commission and in the European Council are not comparable to the diplomacy of the past. They are not simply about relations between states or disputes about territory or issues of peace or war. Europe has gone beyond that — forever, I hope. Today, the negotiations are about matters that directly affect the life of every citizen. They are negotiations about jobs, trade, our environment and our quality of life. Because these issues affect everyone, the debate cannot be left to the political class alone.

This is why Britain believes in a much wider popular debate, so that the aspirations, ideals and concerns of Europe's citizens are made clear. We shall then have a solid basis for progress.

So I shall travel to Europe to spell out in detail our ideas. In particular I shall focus on how to tackle the vital challenges of building a flexible Europe, ready for enlargement. Our ideas reflect the patchwork of traditions that make up the experience of the EU's members. Our vision builds on diversity, instead of seeking to eradicate it.

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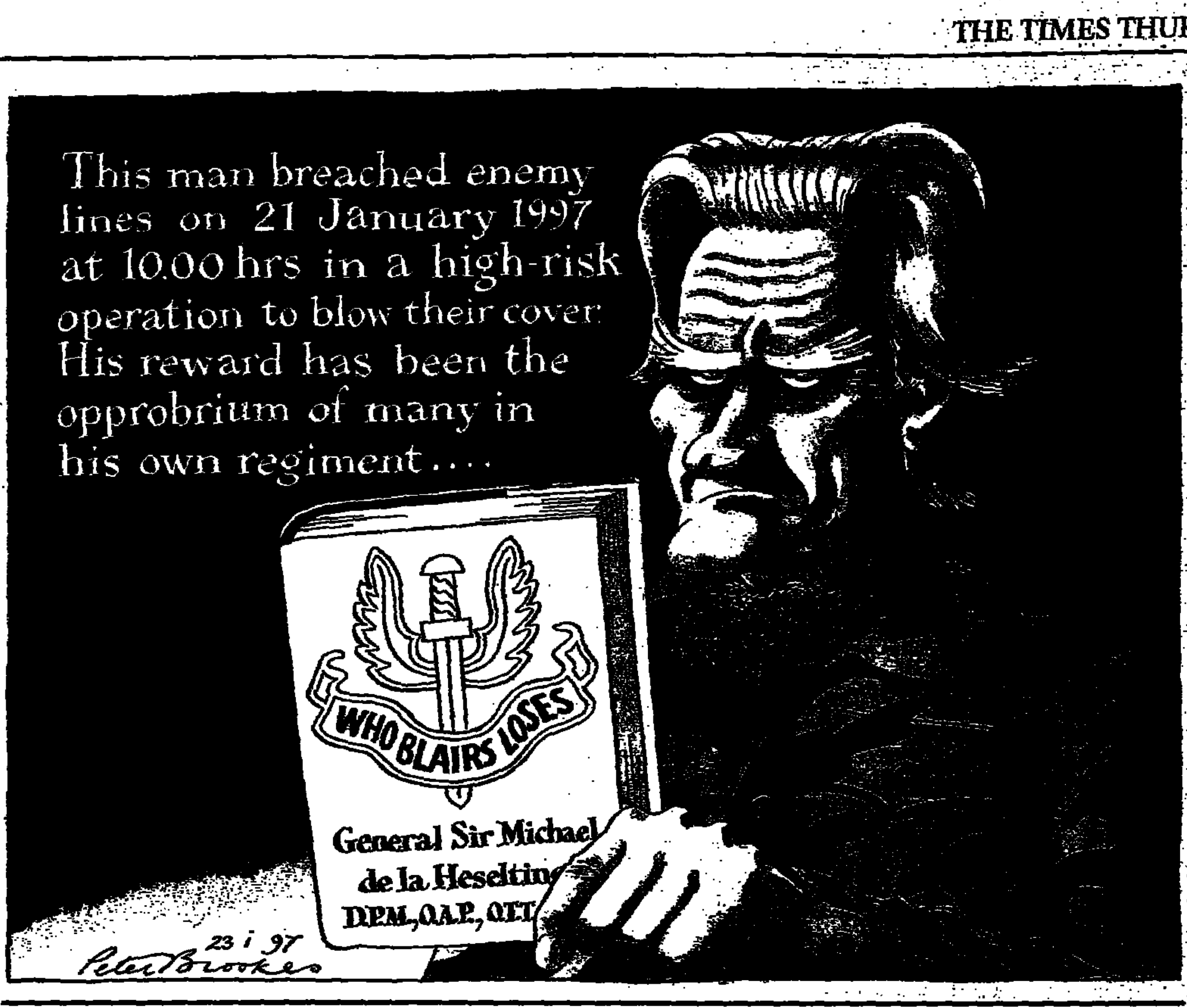

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Liberty and the Lords

The Police Bill is illiberal, and the Government's defeats were salutary

William Rees-Mogg

On Monday I went to the House of Lords to listen to the debate on the report stage of the Police Bill. The Government resisted two amendments, one from Labour and one from the Liberal Democrats, which would require prior approval by a commissioner or judge before the police could bug or burgle. The Government utterly lost the debate on the merits of the argument. It lost both the votes, with 29 Conservative peers, three former Home Secretaries and ten law lords voting for the amendments. I voted against the Government on both; the Labour amendment was carried by 204 votes to 143; the Liberal Democrat, which I thought was better, by 158 votes to 137.

The situation addressed by the Police Bill is indeed disgraceful. For many years the police have been unlawfully bugging and burgling people's homes — the practice seems to have begun in the early 1970s. In the latest recorded year there were no fewer than 1,300 unlawful police intrusions known to the Home Office. The files on many of these bugging expeditions have been lost. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, rightly saw that the police could not be allowed to continue this unlawful activity, though he wrongly supposes it to be lawful. He therefore decided to bring it under a new statute. As he has no natural sympathy for the liberty of the subject, he proposed that any chief constable should be free to authorise police bugging and burglary in pursuit of serious crime. Surprisingly, this was initially supported by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary's almost equally illiberal shadow in the House of Commons.

Two organisations, Liberty and Justice, started the campaign against this part of the Bill. The case was powerfully argued by a law lord, Lord Browne-Wilkinson. It has also been admirably fought as a matter of principle by Lord Rodgers, who led the Liberal Democrats on the Bill. Everyone accepts, however reluctantly, that electronic surveillance of serious criminals is absolutely necessary in modern conditions; the argument is concerned purely with the form of supervision and particularly with whether independent approval should be sought before rather than after the event.

Even the Government felt some pressure; on Monday, Lady Blatch produced a government amendment. On that, Lord Lloyd, another law lord, commented sharply: "I say nothing about the government amendment since it achieves nothing." Both the Labour and the Liberal Democrat amendments do require prior authorisation; but cross-bench speakers in the debate generally preferred the Liberal Democrat amendment which simply requires prior approval from an appropriate judge. A leading former barrister, Lord Alexander of Weedon, summed up the case for prior judicial approval in a quotation from the Supreme Court of the United States: "The primary reason for the requirement of the judicial warrant is to interpose a neutral and detached magistrate between the citizen and the officer engaged in the often competitive enterprise of ferreting out crime."

These votes for the liberty of the citizen made one of the best days of the House of Lords. As members of a second chamber, the Lords have a special duty to protect the rights of citizens from invasion by state power. The House of Lords is also the ultimate Court of Appeal in the British judicial system and has a special responsibility to protect the legal process as such. On Monday both of these duties were admirably carried out. No one who listened to the debate could doubt the authority of many of those who spoke in favour of the amendments. The votes were decisive. As Parliament is close to a general election it will not be open to the Government to overrule the House of Lords, even if the House of Commons should be willing to do so.

When the time comes to consider the future rights of hereditary peers to vote in the Lords, this debate may be used in defence of the existing system. It will be argued that the House of Lords does, after all, work effectively as a second chamber, with the ability to deny the government legislation it wants in the form it prefers. Unfortunately the voting pattern of the hereditary peers did not match that of the House as a whole. I have not tried to distinguish the hereditary barons from the life barons; a glance at the division list on the Labour amendment shows how the senior ranks of the hereditary peers voted. No duke voted on either side. Two marquesses voted for the Labour amendment, including the Marquess of Bath, who may be thought eccentric but usually votes on the side of the angels; three marquesses voted against.

The earls voted by 18 to 17 for the amendment; the earls at least had a narrow majority in favour of liberty. The viscounts did not. They voted by 12 to 8 against the amendment; there is nothing very liberal about them. Taken together, the senior ranks of the hereditary peerage voted by 32 to 28 against giving prior judicial protection before the police can bug or burgle. They did so because too many of them take the Tory whip, and put that ahead of the constitution. The idea that hereditary peers, however obscure, are some sort of jury of the nation and will spring to the defence of liberty when the drum sounds is not supported by their voting record. If the hereditary peers were more independent-minded, they would be more likely to survive.

The vote did however reflect some real affinities of belief. I found myself going into the lobby, on both occasions, with people of very different politics from mine whose underlying faith in liberty I know that I share. We all believe that liberty is the core value of politics, without which nothing else matters. Among those who voted for both amendments I found at least 20 people with whom I share this faith, even when we agree on little else. I would have been amazed on a matter of liberty not to be voting with Shirley Williams whom I have been agreeing with on these matters, while disagreeing on others, since our Oxford days.

As against the 20 or more voting for the amendment whom I already thought of as among the good guys, I was only surprised by one unexpected vote in the Government's favour. I would not have expected Lord Quinton, a scholarly man of genuine liberal sympathies, to be voting against amending the Home Secretary's Bill. To have him against us was comparable to the support that the historian Edward Gibbon gave to Lord North over American policy.

Labour as a party still does not pass this litmus test of liberty. I fear that the Labour leadership in the House of Lords was really not much good. Near the end of the debate there was a miserably embarrassing intervention by Lord McIntosh of Haringey, who had himself moved the Labour amendment. He stated: "I have to advise the noble lord, Lord Rodgers, and his friends that, because I believe that their amendment is so fundamentally defective, I cannot support it if the Question on it is put subsequent to that on my amendment, and that I shall ask my noble friends to join me in not supporting it."

This was contemptible, because it meant that the peer who had actually proposed the Labour amendment did not understand that the constitutional issue was an overriding one. Fortunately, more substantial figures in the Labour Party, Lord Callaghan, Lady Castle, Lord Healey, Lord Merlyn Rees rejected this mean-spirited advice and voted for the Liberal amendment without hesitation. I suppose the Labour front bench was trying to save Jack Straw's illiberal face, but that is now beyond saving.

There are a number of important conclusions to be drawn from this debate and from the votes. The first is that a second chamber with power to defend British liberties is essential. The second is that the House of Lords, as at present constituted, can sometimes do the job, though not as consistently as one might hope. The third is that the law lords are invaluable when it comes to debating legal issues. The fourth is that the hereditary peers are far too willing to put the Tory whip ahead of British liberty. If they are abolished, they should look back on this vote as a milestone on the road to abolition. The fifth is that Michael Howard is not suited to become the leader of the Conservative Party, since all true Conservatism must be based on the defence of liberty. The sixth is that Labour still has an authoritarian element. Lord McIntosh showed grotesque misjudgment in asking Jim Callaghan, Denis Healey and Barbara Castle not to vote as their consciences dictated. The final conclusion is more reassuring. The little old liberal tradition, which runs through all parties, the cross-benches and the law lords, has had a day of victory. The good guys won, the bad guys lost. In politics that does not happen every day of the week, even in the House of Lords.

Labour squeezes Scotland

Councils are cross with Brown, says Magnus Linklater

There was a visible sag in the councillor's shoulders. He had been listening to Gordon Brown being interviewed on the *Today* programme about Labour's intention to hold down tax and limit public expenditure. The phrase "no new spending commitments" hung heavy in the air. For the first time he could remember, a Labour government-in-waiting had forsworn its historic aim of achieving social equality by raising taxes. "What really worries me," he said, "is this isn't about winning an election any longer. I think they actually believe those things."

Nowhere is more expected of a Labour victory than in the chambers of local councils. Cut, capped, and castigated as bureaucratic dinosaurs, they have been unloved for so long that they have almost forgotten what it is like to enjoy a working relationship with government, rather than to be on the stinging end of a fiscal cane. It has long been an article of faith, even in some Tory-controlled areas, that Labour will bring to an end the grim war of attrition waged against local authorities by successive administrations. Now even this hope is being extinguished. The councillor I was speaking to was in Inverness, but he might just as well have been in Plymouth or Porthcawl. "No one was expecting buckets of extra money from Gordon Brown," he said. "But we did think there might at least be a change of atmosphere. Now I'm beginning to wonder."

In Scotland, where there is still a high expectation of public services and what they deliver, the debate between new and old Labour has intensified as a result. To an extent that would be virtually unthinkable in the Home Counties, support for traditional old Labour values seems to be growing. Signs of distinct concern emerged last weekend, when news surfaced of a "network" group of pro-Blair supporters, founded to drum up enthusiasm for the new Labour gospel in Scotland. Despite the Scottish credentials of the Shadow Chancellor and his leader, there is probably more suspicion about their intentions in Scotland, Labour's heartland, than anywhere south of the border. Support for Blair has always been conditional on improved public services and Scottish home rule. So far there has not been convincing evidence that either is guaranteed.

Confidence in Labour's devolution proposals was dented when the leadership decided there would be a referendum before a Scottish parliament could be introduced. Now the ambitions for what can be achieved in public services are also being narrowed. My Inverness councillor faces spending cuts of around 7 per cent this year. He now has to recognise that these are unlikely to be reversed under a Labour government. "'Vote for us and things will be much the same' is hardly election-winning stuff," he observes. His worry is that the net gainer may be the Scottish National Party, but the real political capital is likely to be made by Tory ministers.

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, has always argued that councils, far from being underfunded, are inefficient and wasteful, top-heavy in management, bureaucratic in approach. He claims that local government in Scotland, reorganised into single tier authorities last year, benefited from an increase of £60 million in funding in 1997-98, bringing the total to £5.33 billion. This is 42 per cent more per head than in England, and 29 per cent more than in Wales. Local authority spending now accounts for 37 per cent of the total Scottish Office budget. Can it survive at this level, even under a Labour government? It was, of course, Mr Forsyth's own reorganisation that helped push the expenditure up in the first place, but when the costs of a Scottish parliament are added in, the bill for running Scotland is going to look formidable — just the kind that Chancellor Brown will want to run his slide-rule over as he prepares his first budget.

No one is suggesting that because of this party support will be withdrawn this side of an election. Tensions, however, are bound to surface later in the event of a Labour victory, when questions will be asked about how promises can be delivered without the means to pay for them. Decency and compassion remain Labour watchwords, and in Scotland they tend to translate into spending on unemployment, education and the health service. Expectations for all of these remain high, despite all Mr Brown's warnings.

There is, however, one chink of light, a contract that might still be offered to ensure a productive partnership between Labour and its traditional supporters in local government. The one thing that councils have always lacked is stability, a settled financial programme allowing them to plan their future over a sensible period — say, three years — rather than being buffeted by changing plans from year to year. If government expects its local authorities to behave in a business-like manner, it should treat them like businesses, giving them responsibility for running their affairs without interference, and giving them the time in which to do it.

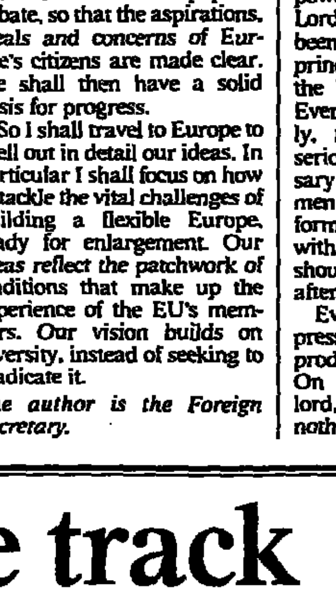
Inside track

POLITICIANS who have never had a career outside politics receive a headbutt from Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, in the latest issue of *Prospect*. In an article entitled "The Whig Illusion", he argues that while most criticism of the House of Commons is excessive, all is still not perfect in our parliamentary system.

"The Palace of Westminster is thronged with eager young men and women who have done nothing but politics all their lives," writes Hurd, who is becoming ever more forthright in his views, now that retirement from Parliament is in sight. "The highly professional politician is particularly vulnerable to the single-issue and the pressure group. They have not learnt in practical work-a-day careers how to balance conflicting interests before they reach a decision . . . A minister should complement the analytical skills of the permanent officials. He should not be an official with an ideology."

Hurd's comments can be seen as a stiletto in the ribs for such prominent career politicians as Michael Portillo, who has spent only three years of his life in non-political jobs, and Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, who joined the Conservative Research Department after university and never looked beyond.

David Lidington, the MP for Aylesbury since 1992, who has spent most of his career in political jobs and for a time was Hurd's special adviser, said he preferred not to comment on these remarks.



'Don't forget our motto: "Who dares may not get his regimental dinner"'

● *Relief for any women panicked by the thought of fashion dictating that they should wear Alexander McQueen's off-the-nipple dress, as modelled by Eva Herzigova, the Wonderbra girl, in his show for Givenchy on Sunday. The nipple-grazing effect was a mistake. "The design is supposed to cover both breasts," says McQueen from his atelier, "but Eva's are too big and they just popped out as she sashayed down."*

On parade

LEARNING FAST from the Carol Thatcher school for political offspring, Karenna Gore, the 23-year-old daughter of the American Vice-President Al Gore, has been writing of life at the centre of power for the online magazine *Slate*, where she is an editorial assistant.

After Monday's presidential inauguration, she recalls the last time round: "I remember feeling so awkward talking to Marilyn Quayle that I panicked and launched into a story about how my dog couldn't lose weight."

This time, she says of the White House parade: "I tried to vary my wave: a little Miss America style, a little childish flapping up and down, and then the flagging-down-a-rescue-plane method, which is really only a salute to the building-top crowd."

Miss Gore, who has never suffered for her looks like Chelsea Clinton, is widely expected to feature in the first White House wedding since the Nixon era.

● *Last week in Central London, a hirsute man clearly possessed of means was spotted pulling over in his car and doling out piping-hot oxtail soup to hungry beggars. It was the pop singer George Michael, quietly going about his good work. "He's humble," says his publicist, "and does not want any more attention drawn to the matter." Enough to say that he offers easily the most stylish meals on wheels in town.*

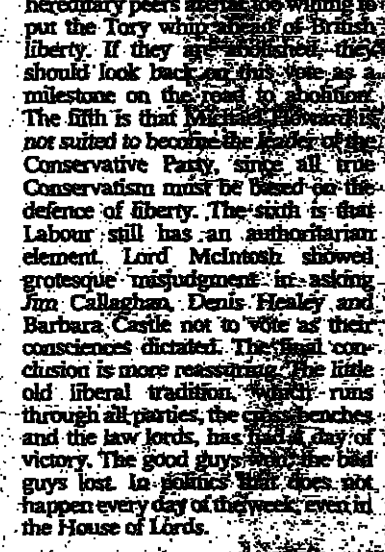
Stage right

GREAT NEWS for Gilbert and Sullivan fans: the Savoy Group, bought up by Granada last year, is handing over control of the Savoy Theatre, which sits next to its hotel, to real theatre people. Built by Richard D'Oyly Carte in 1881, it is said to be a dead weight on the Savoy Group's books, and will now be entrusted to Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen, who runs the Victoria and Vaudeville theatres in London.

This will cheer the Wontner family, owners of the Savoy Group for generations, who made the money to build their first hotel from the theatre's profits. Giles Wontner, the theatre's chairman, is expected to be closely involved in future.

Sheridan Morley is looking forward to a return of top-class G&S to the recently restored theatre. "It would be magnificent to have it back in Wontner hands," he says. "They have such sympathy for it."

Late news: After Lord Gowrie's wigging from Kenneth Baker and Parliament's other G&S fans, the D'Oyly Carte will today receive its first ever Arts Council grant.



Michael: good Samaritan

● *There are no doubts in John Major's mind about the outcome of the election, to judge from a written answer he gave to Sir Anthony Durant's question about which minister would be at June's special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the environment. "I will be attending," replied the PM.*

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LAWS AND THE MAN

A crucial test for C. H. Tung, Patten's successor in Hong Kong

Deng Xiaoping, China's ailing paramount leader, is said at every level of the Chinese Government to have settled all argument about Hong Kong's future under Chinese sovereignty. In a constantly quoted speech, he said that there could be only two ways forward, "one peaceful, the other non-peaceful". Since "reluctant acceptance" by Hong Kong of Chinese rule "would lead to a chaotic situation", he said, Hong Kong must retain its own institutions and way of life for the 50 years it would take China to become a developed country, open to and integrated with the international community. Under this policy of "one country, two systems" it was, he implied, China rather than Hong Kong that would eventually change.

This was the basis on which Britain and China negotiated the handover that takes place this July; his words also underpin the treaty pledges that, foreign affairs and defence aside, Hong Kong will continue to run its own affairs. China's own official handbook on the operation of its Basic Law for post-1997 Hong Kong adds more detail, specifying that the Hong Kong government will have autonomy not just in financial matters, but in "culture . . . public order and entry and exit controls".

The question has always been whether China's doctrinally and instinctively authoritarian leaders properly understood the meaning of autonomy. Now, before China resumes sovereignty, Hong Kong has received a troubling, if not yet final, answer. A legal panel of the Preparatory Committee, appointed by China to oversee the transition, has proposed drastic revisions to Hong Kong laws dealing with public order, its political institutions, political activity and freedom of assembly and even data protection. These would not only repeal the electoral reforms, including voting rights, introduced by Chris Patten; they would emasculate the 1991 Bill of Rights which brings Hong Kong law in line with the United Nations Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Freedom to form political or other associations, to hold peaceful demonstrations, to assemble in groups of more than 20 or even to use a loud-hailer would be drastically curtailed. The final decisions, moreover, are to rest not with Hong Kong's legislature — even though after July it will no longer be the present elected assembly but another body handpicked by China — but with the Chinese National People's Congress. To protests by Britain, the US and Hong Kong legislators, the Chinese government retorts that this is an "internal matter".

This confronts Tung Chee-hwa, the shipping magnate designated as the first chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), with decisions of the sort he would almost certainly have preferred to avoid until well after the handover. There is little either in the manner of his selection or his public pronouncements to date that suggests an eagerness to defend Hong Kong's treaty-based rights to manage its own affairs. But he is now under intense pressure, in Hong Kong and abroad, to speak out. He claims to want Hong Kong to overtake Tokyo as Asia's leading financial centre; but that ambition must rest on the vigorous defence of its legal system.

Neither as the Chinese patriot he takes pride in being, nor as a man out to project Hong Kong as a modern international city, can he use the defence that many of these laws used to be on the old colonial statute-books. If he swallows Peking's dubious argument that it is only ensuring that Hong Kong laws conform with the Basic Law, he will severely damage confidence among foreign investors and in the territory itself. If he does not, his honeymoon with the Chinese authorities could end almost before it has begun. But his course should be clear. Swayed by the certainty that tampering with Hong Kong laws and rights will damage China's reputation as much as it does Hong Kong's prospects, he should not hesitate to cite Deng Xiaoping in the cause of freedom, prosperity and common sense.

BRITANNIA II

A new yacht should be built — but why not in a new way?

As a symbol of the nation, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* has been a conspicuous success. For countless foreign visitors she has meant the best of Britain: an understated but faultless style, an immaculate crew, and a grandeur born from association with the Royal Family. The Government is right to have decided to replace the venerable vessel when she is decommissioned later this year.

Not to have done so would have constituted an insult to the Queen. It would also have been against this country's best interests. Invitations to visit *Britannia* when she docks at ports overseas are much prized. Her decks and state rooms are uniquely suited as venues for foreign businessmen and politicians to meet representatives from Britain. It is always difficult so say precisely where any export deal is finally done: but *Britannia* is claimed to contribute to some £500 million of exports each year. Although her contribution to the prestige of this country abroad cannot be measured in monetary terms alone, her value to exports alone makes a replacement worthwhile. The question is whether the Government has chosen the right kind of successor, financed in the right way.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has chosen to meet the £60 million cost entirely from taxpayers' money. At a time when complaints about the "extravagance" of the Royal Family have become as regular as they are shrill, this seems unwise. From a government dedicated both to the private sector and to value for money, it seems very odd. Nor does it seem necessary.

Several consortia have already approached the Ministry of Defence and Buckingham Palace with offers to replace *Britannia* at no public cost. One or two can be dismissed as not suitably regal. But one inspiring and exciting plan from the Cadland Consortium, headed by Maldwin Drummond, Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron was put forward last year. This would create a majestic, square-rigged sailing ship more eye-catching that any motorised yacht.

As befits a ship for the 21st century, it was proposed that she be as at ease with engines as with wind power, her rig computer-controlled and her hull made of steel. In appearance she would dwarf, both in scale and beauty, any international competitor.

It was intended that she would also function as a sail-training ship, playing host to some 3,500 "Queen's Cadets" a year, of all backgrounds, who would learn how to sail and how to work with great precision as a team. Instead, the Government has gone for a traditional and expensive option, surprising both its own supporters who preferred a private alternative and the Labour party who may yet cause the scheme trouble in the future.

OFF CAMERA

A successful means of road safety must be kept alive

Since their introduction in the early 1990s, speed cameras seem to have been effective in reducing road accidents. Motorists have been deterred from illegal speeds by the flash of the roadside camera and the knowledge that a fine will shortly arrive in the post, backed up by the photographic evidence. In some areas accidents have fallen by up to a third; in one experiment in West London fatalities were down 70 per cent. In almost all areas where notices warn drivers that cameras are in operation, average speeds are lower, driving habits are better and traffic flow is smoother.

A police report admitting that thousands of offenders are now escaping prosecution because the police cannot afford to process the records of the offences is, therefore, all the more shocking. What is the point of installing the £20,000 cameras if they are not used? The fact that some were merely dummies and others were occasionally switched off did not matter as long as the uncertainty deterred speeding. But if motorists know that all the cameras are out of action, or that police delay processing the film in order to miss the 14-day limit on prosecutions, the law and the road safety campaigns are unenforceable.

The police say they have neither the money nor the manpower to operate the cameras. They cannot recoup the costs from the £40 fixed fines, as the money, along with all proceeds from criminal prosecutions, goes to the Treasury. They cannot increase manpower unless chief constables divert hundreds of officers from the prevention of violence or the investigation of burglary to the work of tracing and notifying offenders. They cannot privatise the camera operations as decisions on prosecution can only be conducted by the police.

There is something ridiculous here. However unpopular the notion of Big Brother cameras, however speeding motorists may rejoice at getting away with it, no one believes that a law that saves lives should be so cavalierly mocked. One police force, it emerges, once abandoned all camera enforcement. Even more absurd is the revelation that although it costs far more to take offenders to court than levy a fixed penalty, some forces prefer the more expensive route. In court they can sometimes recoup their expenses, and court cases are taken into account when the Lord Chancellor's office fixes their level of funding.

Suggested remedies include allowing the police to keep a portion of the fines imposed or insisting that convicted motorists also pay additional administrative costs. That latter seems manifestly unjust, unless the £40 fine itself is seen as too low. But the Treasury, ever vigilant in fighting off attempts to ring-fence any taxes, fines or levies, adamantly opposes the former.

One answer would be to make the system self-financing. If camera records are sufficiently accurate, their enforcement could be the responsibility of the local authorities which already operate parking restrictions in co-operation with the police. Speed cameras should not be a victim of their own success. There is scope to adjust the leeway in triggering the convicting photograph. But to switch off the cameras altogether is to switch off a serious and successful attempt to improve Britain's road safety.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Business concern on minimum pay

From Sir Stanley Kalms, Chairman of Dixons Group plc, and others

Sir, We would welcome an opportunity to comment on the agenda for British business set out in the report *Promoting Prosperity* by the Commission on Public Policy and British Business (reports and leading article, January 22).

In our view, the commission's decision to call for a national minimum wage and adoption of the social chapter cannot be justified by any considered economic assessment.

A minimum wage would inevitably lead to job losses in many smaller companies. The Department of Trade and Industry estimate that a minimum hourly wage set at £4.15 would cost 950,000 British jobs with half restoration of wage differentials and 1.8 million with full restoration.

It is clear that a commitment to the social chapter would mean more inflexible, prescriptive employment law. As British manufacturers face serious challenges from the emerging economies of Asia and the Pacific Rim it is essential to safeguard our competitiveness. Business opposition to the social chapter was reaffirmed only this month in an Institute of Directors' survey (Business, News in brief, January 6).

We in the retail industry entirely reject Professor George Bain's contention that his commission's recommendations would be good for British business.

Yours faithfully,
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JOHN HOERNER,
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ARCHIE J. NORMAN,
Chairman, Asda Group plc,
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Politics and business

From the Chief Executive of British Airways

Sir, I have found the recent newspaper stories (January 22) about who I eat with and how I might vote personally entertaining. But on a broader level they betray a muddle about what real life is about in business.

Real life has many different worlds. There is the political world of elections, pledges, indignation (sincere or simulated) — the world of "telegrams and anger". That is a world in which I have no direct part but of course like many others take an interest. It is important that good people should engage in it, but I have no aspirations.

There is then the world of business, of producing a service for customers, of investing money to produce a return, of employing people creating a sense of self esteem and giving them a satisfactory livelihood and skills. As the chief executive of a company that provides transport services for this country and employment for 42,000 people here, that is the world to which I am passionately committed.

In the interests of my company, its shareholders and its employees, I will lobby politicians of every party and point out to them where they are wrong or unjust. For example, I will lobby the Chancellor against the unfair proposals in his Budget to double the air passenger duty and to discriminate against the air transport industry by changing the capital allowances rules, thus making it more expensive to buy the newer, quieter aircraft that we all want.

I am equally opposed to Labour Party proposals to make union recognition mandatory on the results of the majority vote of employees. I have never discussed the windfall tax with the leaders of the Labour Party. It is said that a Labour government would apply it to monopoly utilities: British Airways by contrast is a company competing in fiercely contested international markets.

It appears that all the political parties are now courting industry. I welcome that because the political process can only serve this country well if it listens to the voice of those whose job it is to create wealth and employment.

My background in industry, the law and the Civil Service leads me to put a high value on competence in government — in clarity of objectives and the ability to achieve them. If (which is unlikely) any voter asked me for advice, I would urge them to vote for the party which showed the clearest view of the national interest (which must include the creation of wealth and world competitiveness for our businesses) and the greatest promise of being able to further it.

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Tasks that will face our new masters

From Mr Kevin Grant

Sir, After I had read and pondered on your leading article ("The masters now", January 17) on the choice facing us in the forthcoming general election, I had a vision of the future. All our public utilities had been privatised: not just telephones, water, gas, electricity, nuclear fuel, trains and buses, but hospitals, health, pensions, prisons, adoption, the Post Office, the monarchy, the National Trust, all galleries, monuments, common lands and every other remnant of family silver that prodigality could identify.

Control of everything had passed to foreign interests and finally all had become consolidated into one faceless corporation, British Utilities, Brutil for short, with the slogan, "We never forget that you have no choice".

For a nation whose furthest horizon has become the bottom line this fate seems a just one. Our loss is more than that of mere control: it is of any sense of the common good, physical or moral, for which we used to work before swift gains and heedless disposal displaced such notions.

Perhaps old Macmillan had a point.

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN GRANT,
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January 19.

From Mr S. D. S. Baldwin

Sir, Perhaps during the election campaign *The Times* could perform a service by publishing a reminder of how MPs voted on the issue of awarding themselves a 26 per cent pay increase last year (report, July 11).

Pensioners and other recipients of state income, due to receive a 2.1 per cent rise, will no doubt be interested in how their MPs voted. Also interested will be employees who have had rises of less than 4 per cent (while seeing directors accepting large increases) and so, too, will be struggling students and small tradesmen trying to keep buoyant against the demands of banks.

It could be that by ignoring party loyalties, pledges and philosophies and making their mark against greed, such voters could alter the shape of governance for the better and for years ahead.

Yours,
S. D. S. BALDWIN,
3 Glendale Rise, Kenley, Surrey.
January 19.

From Miss Faye Jones

Sir, I am a 14-year-old — the voter of the future — only, if politicians carry on the way they are at the moment, when I get the chance to vote I'm not going to bother.

I don't support any party at the moment because there's no one showing enough common sense to run our country. These politicians — they're just so childish. The only way they can get people on their side is by stabbing other parties in the back. If anyone's good enough to run our country, then surely they can get support by publicising the things they can do; they shouldn't need to spend time on their opponents. I've just seen a party political broadcast in which not a single thing was mentioned about how the party would be good for our country, simply how bad others are for it.

If that's the best the future leaders of our country can come up with, then I think I'll just emigrate.

Yours faithfully,
FAYE JONES,
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January 16.

Criminal justice: lest we forget

From Sir John Smith

Sir, David Maclean's view on tackling crime (letter, January 11) seems to be that the combination of blanket enforcement for some offences, in some places, with increased prison sentences will go a long way to resolving the problems of crime and disorder.

Those of us involved in policing some twenty years ago will never forget the disastrous consequences of such policies — most notably the rioting in Brixton and elsewhere in 1981. Have we forgotten, and so soon? Or is this yet another example of telling people what they want to hear in the hope that this time it really will make some difference?

Meanwhile, the rest of us will have to rely upon even fewer police than is presently the case to manage an increasingly depressing situation.

And what of displaced crime? Criminals do not just stop offending (except when in prison, of course): they move to new locations in which they stand a chance of becoming even more prolific and successful.

Yours faithfully,
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Singapore election

From the High Commissioner for the Republic of Singapore

Sir, Your editorial of January 4, "Heavy hand", described Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong of Singapore as "verging on paranoia", because during the recent elections he accused an opposition candidate, Mr Tang Liang Hong, of Chinese nationalism.

May I remind you that Mr Tang had threatened to sue Mr Goh and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew for calling him an anti-Christian, anti-English-educated Chinese chauvinist. Mr Goh and Mr Lee repeated their statements, and invited Tang to sue them immediately.

Mr Tang has not done so. Instead he called them liars. Mr Goh and Mr Lee have therefore sued Mr Tang for defamation. The truth of the matter will now be determined in court.

You also criticised Mr Goh for linking votes with upgrading of public housing. Every political party in the world promises to look after the interests of those who supported it, if it is elected. In many countries they champion special interest groups at the expense of the general population.

In Singapore, the People's Action Party offers housing upgrading to all constituencies, but faster upgrading to those that vote for it. How is this wrong?

Under Mr Goh's leadership, Singapore has achieved 8 per cent economic growth per year, and budget surpluses of 8 per cent of GDP. The Government has used these surpluses to increase the assets of the people by upgrading their homes, and selling them blue-chip shares of privatised government companies at significant discounts. Can a paranoiac do this?

Yours faithfully,
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Republic of Singapore,
9 Wilton Crescent, SW1.

Sunday special

From the Editor of The Sunday Times

Sir, Simon Jenkins (January 22) should not be so dismissive of how "the Sunday papers" get their stories. The Tory spin-doctors did not tell *The Sunday Times* to print our story last Sunday about the Government's plans to privatise work carried out by local authority social services departments. Indeed, they refused to comment when our political editor approached them. Nor was the story fed to other papers: it was an exclusive.

If the spin-doctors "fan out from the party headquarters to tell the Sunday papers what to print", we have not noticed. In my experience, the daily papers are more likely to swallow the medicine these doctors prescribe.

Yours faithfully,
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Flying success

From Mr Michael Forrest

Sir, But would Mr E. H. Ruston's swallows (letter, January 21), which have easily outdistanced Richard Branson's balloon, beat Mr Branson in business? It is easy to forget that the human brain is also a wonder of nature.

Yours faithfully,
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January 21.

Scots independence

From Mrs Dot Jessiman

Sir, Magnus Linklater (article, January 9) cannot be allowed to foist on an unsuspecting English readership the extraordinary picture of a non-existent "anti-English wing of the Scottish National Party" waiting to overturn long-established constitutional policies overnight.

The same constitutional package which envisages at Scottish independence a Scandinavian-style monarchy, proportional representation and a Bill of Rights contains provision for English people living in Scotland which will enable them to welcome independence as offering an improvement on the constitutional arrangements they enjoy in their country of origin. Citizenship is offered to all those who live and work in Scotland and unqualified rights of residence to those who decline the offer.

My organisation represents those born outside Scotland, including the English, who support the independence movement. Some of us are members of the SNP, some are not.

It is hard to believe that the presence of either virulent and anti-English feeling or general xenophobia among our colleagues could go unnoticed. How could you fool consistently the many English members, constituency officers, election agents, councillors and prospective parliamentary candidates of the SNP?

Yours etc,
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Responses to the education debate

From Sir Michael Heron

Sir, I was very surprised to see that there was no reference to the inclusion of vocational education in schools in the articles on education as an election issue (January 20; see also leading article, same day). In fact, I do not think the General National Vocational Qualification (GNVQ) was raised at all.

One of the creative activities undertaken by the Tory party has been to bring vocational education into most of our schools and colleges for 16-year-olds and upwards, and indeed there is a pilot scheme to include 14 and 15-year-olds. What this means, of course, is that all children will be able to leave school with well tested and acceptable qualifications.

For the first time in our history our education system will be dealing with all our children and not just the top percentage. I am sure that Labour and other political parties would continue this policy. In my view it is the beginning of something very important for the future.

We must start on the basis that all our children need educating to their full ability and our system must be such that they accommodate this within schools.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HERON
(Chairman), National Council for
Vocational Qualifications,
222 Euston Road, NW1.
January 20.

From Mrs Joanne Sims

Sir, In my view the role of school governors has thus far been missing from the education debate leading up to the general election.

Over the last decade the task of these unpaid volunteers has risen dramatically as the LEAs have delegated more and more responsibility to governing bodies.

The reasoning has been that local communities should have more say in the running of their schools. The reality has been that some LEAs have cut costs by expecting governors to take on more and more work. The result is governors can feel pressurised, inadequately trained for what they are expected to do and increasingly beleaguered, all of which can only have a detrimental effect on the health of our schools.

An interesting statistic, which I have yet to read in the national press, would be the number of school governor vacancies at the moment and where those vacancies occur.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNE SIMS
(School governor, 1992-97),
11 Highdale Road,
Clevedon, North Somerset.
January 21.

From Mr A. P. Ridge

Sir, Some of us disagree with the view in your leading article that there is a great difference in quality between state and private-sector schools. Indeed, I sometimes wonder what some of my friends who almost bankrupt themselves to send children to private schools think they are getting for their money.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. RIDGE,
Ennismore, 27 Moorgate, York.
January 20.

From Mrs Mary Redgate

Sir, Surely the purpose of homework (features, January 20) is to teach children to organise their time and to work independently.

If a child is not used to the discipline of independent working during the primary years, then the shock of homework on entering secondary education is often too great a burden and the overall effect is detrimental to their education.

Yours faithfully,
MARY REDGATE,
Bidden Cottage,
Upton Grey, Hampshire.
January 20.

Vote on bugging

From Mr Robin Borwick

Sir, Mrs Sally Flintoff (letter, January 22) says that the House of Lords is a valuable checking device.

This is precisely the reason why the Labour Party wants to abolish or "reform" it. There has been no suggestion that the well whipped Commons should be reformed.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN BORWICK,
Neptune House,
Newells Lane, Bosham, West Sussex.
January 22.

Maths maketh man

From Mr Simon Goulden

Sir, So Joe Joseph, in his article on homework (January 20), thinks that "Adults know that in the real world there is no such thing as a fraction".

It might interest him to ponder that in many 0.25s his ideas are regarded as 0.5-baked. Let us have no more subversive 0.2-column writing in your newspaper.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON GOULDEN,
33 Ashurst Road,
Cockfosters,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.
January 20.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 22: The Lady Elton has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 22: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 22: The Princess Royal today visited Nottingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Nottingham Carers Centre, Unit 1, Karlsuhe House, Queens Bridge Road.

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new Carlton Police Divisional Headquarters, Cavendish Road, Carlton.

Her Royal Highness later visited the Headquarters of the British Geological Survey, Keyworth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this evening held a Dinner for Corporate Heads at Buckingham Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 22: The Duke of Kent, Patron, The Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, this afternoon presented the Chesney Gold Medal to The Marquess of Anglesey, at Whitehall, London SW1.

The Duchess of Kent, President, Marie Curie Cancer Care, this afternoon received Major-General Carleton-Smith, the outgoing Director-General, and Sir Nicholas Fenn, the incoming Director-General.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Centre for Advanced Religious and Theological Studies, Divinity School, St John's Street, Cambridge, at noon.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Sense - The National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will visit the Toy Library Creche session at the Woodside Family Centre, Woodside Road, Kingswood, Gloucestershire, at 11.15; as Commandant in Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend an opening ceremony and dedication of the new training and resource centre and ambulance station, The Harry Crook Centre, Raleigh Road, Bedminster, Bristol, at 12.15; and as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the Bath and district bureau at 2 Edgar Buildings, Bath, at 2.10.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Paper Palaces exhibition, architectural works from the collections of Cambridge University Library at the Fitzwilliam Museum at 7.15.

Miss Kate Alderson

A memorial service for Miss Kate Alderson, Northwest Correspondent of The Times, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday, January 30, at noon.

The Royal Caledonian Ball

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Thursday, May 1, at Grosvenor House, London W1. Ball tickets are available at £65 to include wine, whisky and full breakfast. The Ball commences at 10.00pm with dancing until 3.30am. Dinner tickets are available at £30 to include half bottle of wine. General enquiries to the Ball Secretary, Mrs R.H. Tym 01264 810363. Ticket applications to the Ticket Secretary, Mrs N. Bardswell, 24 Onslow Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6QF. Tel/Answering: 0181 940 8079, Fax 0181 332 9448.

Beryl Reid

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Beryl Reid at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, February 18, at noon. The service is open to all friends and colleagues of Miss Reid.

Lord Sherfield

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Sherfield will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, March 6, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 6, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Birthdays today

Mrs Justice Arden, 50; Professor Alastair Compston, neurologist, 49; Mr A.M. Davis, former rugby player, 55; Lord Denning, 98; Mr Ian Dudgeon, racehorse trainer, 52; Air Marshal Sir Barry Duxbury, 63; Professor D.F. Ford, theologian, 49; Sir John Grenside, chartered accountant, 76; Brigadier D.D.G. Hardie, Lord-Lieutenant of Strathclyde Region, 61; Mr Rutger Hauer, actor, 53; Mr William Hayden, former Governor-General of Australia, 64; Sir James Lighthill, FRS, former Provost, University College, London, 73; Miss Jeanne Moreau, actress, 69; Dr Christine Nicholls, former editor, Dictionary of National Biography, 54; Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea, former deputy governor, Bank of England, 49.

Sir Alick Rankin, chairman, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 62; Mr Edward Rowlands, MP, 57; Sir Kenneth Scott, former Deputy Private Secretary to the Queen, 66; Lord Strathcarron, 73; Lord Sutherland, 65; Miss Joan Walley, MP, 48; Mr Brian Weight, former Chief Constable, Dorset, 61.

Royal Navy appointments

Admiral Sir Hugo White, Governor of Gibraltar, to be placed on the retired list on May 12.

Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, to be Vice Chief of the Defence Staff in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis in October 1997.

Vice Admiral J.R. Brigstocke, Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, to be promoted Admiral and to be Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command in succession to Admiral Sir Michael Boyce in September 1997. This appointment carries with it membership of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

Rear-Admiral J.J. Blackham, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff, to be promoted Vice-Admiral and to be Deputy Commander Fleet in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Tod in June 1997.

Rear-Admiral P.M. Franklyn, Flag Officer Sea Training, to be Flag Officer Surface Flotilla in succession to Vice-Admiral J.R. Brigstocke in July 1997.

Commodore R.J. Lippiett, RN, The Commodore HMS Dryad, to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Flag Officer Sea Training in succession to Rear-Admiral P.M. Franklyn in July 1997.

Commodore S. Moore, RN, MOD DIS Staff, to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations) in succession to Air Vice-Marshal A.J. Harrison, RAF, in November 1997.

Surgeon Commodore M.P.W.H. Paine, on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Fleet, to be promoted Surgeon Rear-Admiral and to be Medical Director-General (Naval) in succession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral A. Craig in March 1997.

Captain J. Band, RN, Commanding Officer HMS Illustrious, to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Rear-Admiral J.J. Blackham in May 1997. This appointment carries with it membership of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

Luncheons

Carmen's Company
Dr Barbara Ansell, President, Children's Chronic Arthritis Association, and Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry Evans, Chief Commander, St John Ambulance, were the speakers at the annual charity luncheon of the Carmen's Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall. Mr J.M.B. Gotch, Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided.

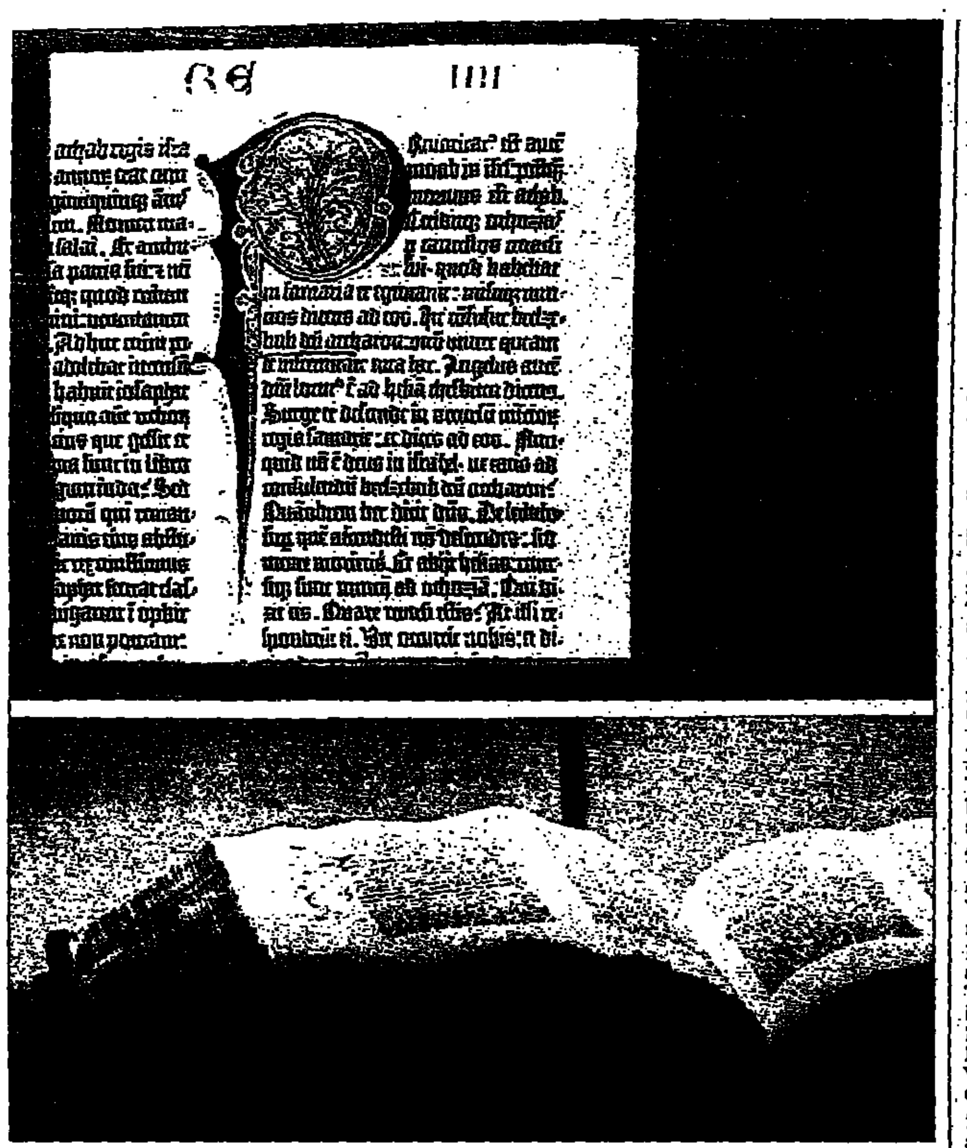
Securities Institute
Mr Jack Wigglesworth, Chairman of LIFFE, was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Securities Institute held yesterday at its headquarters. Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman, presided.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office last night in honour of Mr Hans van Mierlo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands.

Law Society
Mr Tony Girling, President, with the Vice-President and the Council of the Law Society gave a dinner last night at Law Society Hall for members of the Bar Council.

Reform Club
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a founder member of Charter '88, was the host at a dinner held at the Reform Club yesterday. Ms Helena Kennedy, QC, Chair of Charter '88 Council, spoke.



This Bible, published in the 15th century by Gutenberg, the man regarded as the inventor of printing, has been digitally reproduced and is on show at a *Multimedia World 2003* exhibition in a Japanese department store. The top picture shows part of a page from the digital version which is now available to researchers as well as public readers

Memorial service

Major John Surtees
Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, and Lady Bramall attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major John Freville Henry Surtees held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. The Very Rev the Hon Oliver Fiennes officiated.

Sir Charles Graham, brother-in-law, and Mr William Hepburne-Scott, grandson, read the lessons. Lord Saye and Sele gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Surtees (widow), the Master of Polwarth and the Hon Mrs Andrew Hepburne-Scott and Captain and Mrs James Hepburne Scott (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Robert Hepburne-Scott, Miss Georgina Hepburne-Scott, Miss Caroline Hepburne-Scott, Mr Walter Hepburne Scott, Miss Emily Hepburne Scott and Mr George Hepburne Scott (grandchildren), Lady Graham (sister), Major and Mrs Rex Hitchcock (step brother-in-law and step sister), Brigadier and Mrs D A Barker-Wyatt (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs James Graham, Miss Catherine Graham, Miss Iona Graham, Mr and the Hon Mrs Malise Graham, Miss Arabella Graham, Miss Georgina Graham, Miss Laura Graham, Miss Susanna Graham, Mrs Audrey Surtees, Mrs Virginia Surtees, Isabel Lady Napier, Mr and Mrs John Napier and other members of the family.

Ann Countess of Yarborough, the Earl of Inchcape, Earl and Countess Cathcart, the Earl of Clanwilliam, Cathryn Countess Cawdor, the Dowager Countess of Westmorland, Viscount and Viscountess Hood, the Right Rev David Say, Lord and Lady Cornwallis, Lady Saye and Sele, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Lady Terrington, Baroness Trumpington, Lord and Lady Milne, Lord Monteagle of Brandon, Lady Anne Seymour, Lady Vanessa Brown, Lady Mary Anne Denham, the Hon Martin Fiennes, the Hon Mrs Martin Fortescue, the Hon Mrs Oliver Fiennes, the Hon Lady Dundas, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Seymour Fortescue, the Hon Michael and Mrs Spring Rice, Major Sir Antony and Lady Bonham, Elizabeth Lady Gilbey, Sir Richard and Lady Thomas, Sir Richard Paget, Nancy Lady Paget, Sir John Smiley, Sir Guy Fison, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Michael Hogg.

Field Marshal Sir Roland and Lady Gibbs, Lady Delacombe, Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, Sir Ewen Fergusson (chairman, Coutts & Co), Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Nigel Althaus, General Sir David Fraser, Sir Michael and Lady Pickard, Sir Brian McGrath, General Sir Thomas Pearson, Major Rhidian and Lady Honor Llewellyn, Mr John and Lady Sophia Kinmont.

The Master of the Grocers' Company with the Clerk, the Beadle and Mr and Mrs Elliott Viney; Mr Colin Mathieson, Mr and Mrs Michael Devas, Mr Julian Tregoning, Mr Ben Howkins, Mr Patrick McGrath, Captain and Mrs Dick Ker, Mr and Mrs James Vyvyan, Mr Charlie Fison, Mr Cherry Grainger, Mr Tim Guinness, Major and Mrs I Calvocoressi, Mr and Mrs Robin Kernick, Miss Sarah Anderson, Major and Mrs J C Mansel, Mr and Mrs J Weston-Smith, Mrs Nell Hughes-Onslow, Mr Giles Mounsey-Heysham, Mr and Mrs Charles Nunneley.

Mr Robert Henderson, Captain and Mrs Walter Godsal, Mr Alan Tyser, Mrs John Talbot, Major and Mrs Robert Ferguson, Major and Mrs Raymond Seymour, Mr John Francis, Mr David Peppercorn, Mr Andrew Fletcher, Mr James Johnson, Major-General A S H Irwin, Mr David Hooper, Brigadier E G B Davies-Scourfield, Mr Richard Henderson, Mr and Mrs Antony Smith, Mrs William Seymour, Mr and Mrs Oliver Steel, Mrs Julian Summer, Mr and Mrs Henry James, Mr Hugo Baring.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Kershaw, Mr Crispin Gascoigne, Mr and Mrs William Warne, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Butler, Mr and Mrs Clive de Rougemont, Rear-Admiral J Goodhart, Colonel and Mrs Paddy Boden, Mrs Mark Stratton, Mr John Henderson, Mrs H Heathcoat Amory, Lieutenant-Colonel John Dymoke, Mr and Mrs Alexander Sparkes, Mr Robert Mackenzie, Mrs Billy Carbutt, Dr David Hay, Mrs D Hay, Mr C Holdsworth Hunt, Mr M Maskell, Mr and Mrs D Tudway Quilter, Mrs Patrick Crichton-Stuart, Mrs Antony Hornyold.

Major A J du Sautoy, Mr George Mann, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Burnaby Atkins, Mr R C Murdoch, Brigadier Alan Cowan, Mr David Clive, Mr David Bedford, Mr Simon Berry, Mr and Mrs Anthony Berry, Major-General and Mrs Hugh Butler, Mr Cloudesley Marsham, Mr James Marsham, Mrs D Cavendish, Mrs Jean Meade-Fetherstonhaugh, Mrs Paul Greenwood, Mr C W O Parker, Mr and Mrs J Weston-Smith, Mr Charles Roundell, Mr J Boys.

Mr William Martineau, Mr John Floyd, Major-General M E Carleton-Smith, Mr and Mrs John Whitmore, Mr Malcolm Burr, Mr Charles Webster, Mr and Mrs Nick Gaselee, Mr Colin Campbell, Mr Richard Legge, Mr Anthony Leschallas, Mr Malcolm Kimmins, Mr John Simmonds, Major-General Mark Bond, Mr David Rutherford, Judge and Mrs Coltart, Mr Mark Scrase-Dickins.

Major-General Charles Vyvyan (Colonel Commandant, Royal Green Jackets), and Mrs Vyvyan, Mr I H McCausland (60th Rifles), Mr Brian Burrough and Mr Douglas Nevard (Government Hospitality Fund), Brigadier Colin Harrisson (chairman, Rifle Brigade Club and Association) with Major Ron Cassidy (secretary) and Mrs Cassidy; Mr David Stevens (president, Institute of Masters of Wine), Mr C Gunnery (Eton Ramblers), Mr Roderic Bullough (Boodle's), Mr Jack Hill (H Sichel and Sons) and may other friends and former colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.P. Hope-Frost
and Miss L.W. Wigan
The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of Mr Tim Hope-Frost and Mrs Linda Hope-Frost, and Leila, only daughter of Mr Christopher Wigan and the Hon Mrs Best.

Mr M.A. Baccanello
and Miss S.J. Stevens
The engagement is announced between Marco, son of the late Mr Sandro Baccanello and of Mrs Richard English, of Wimbledon, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Stevens, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr R.V. Bentata
and Miss T.S. Callman
The engagement is announced between Robert Victor, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jack Bentata, of London, and Tanya Sara, daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Clive Callman, of London.

Mr N.A. Bourne-Arton
and Miss A.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bourne-Arton, of Tanfield Lodge, Ripon, Yorkshire, and Allanah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Williams, of Tully Lake, Connemara, Ireland.

Mr P.G. Bowden
and Miss P. Weatherhead
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Bowden, of Sydney, Australia, and Pippa, daughter of Mrs Vivienne Archer, of Wicken, Cambridgeshire.

Mr D.J. Couch
and Miss V.M. Cork
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Couch, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Cork, of Fryerning, Essex.

Mr P.H. Davies
and Miss L.M. James
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs John Ffrancon Davies, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Lisa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard James, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.B.S. Gray
and Miss C.J. Neil
The engagement is announced between Damian, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Gray, of Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Camilla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Neil, of Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire.

Dr M. Llewelyn
and Miss C.J. Hextall
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Dr John Llewelyn and the late Elizabeth Llewelyn, of Nazeing, Essex, and Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Hextall, of Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire.

Mr A.M. Guise
and Miss H.L. Bruce
The engagement is announced between Anselm, son of Mr and Mrs Jamie Guise, of Sherston, Wiltshire, and Hannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bruce, of Sculthorpe, Norfolk.

Dr P.N. Miller
and Miss A.J. Clayton
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A.T. Miller, of Great Gidding, Cambridgeshire, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Clayton, of Swimbridge, Devon.

Mr H.R. Norbury
and Miss C.R.E. Ivimy
The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Norbury, of Eaton Square, London, and Cecilia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Thompson, of Little Venice, London.

Mr J.D. Pike
and Miss S. Chekasina
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Claude Pike, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and Svetlana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Chekasina, of Slaviansk, Ukraine.

Mr P.E. Rosslyn-Smith
and Miss K.L. Martin
The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Rosslyn Smith, of Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Kirsten, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Martin, of Brussels.

Mr R.J.A. Stanley
and Freiin M. Riedesel
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr Peter Stanley, of Cundall, Yorkshire, and Gunilla Gräfin Douglas, of 31 The Little Boltons, London, and Maria Riedesel, Freiin zu Eisenbach, daughter of Kurt-Joachim Riedesel Freiherr zu Eisenbach, of Hessen, and Angelica Gräfin zu Erbach-Fürstenau, of Munich, Germany.

Mr M.J. Trumper
and Miss T. Rocke
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Trumper, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rocke, of Old Basing, Hampshire.

Mr P.M. Williams
and Miss C.A. Burdon-Cooper
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Bath, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Burdon-Cooper, of Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.G.T. Willis
and Mlle M.C.A.L. Brunin
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Willis, of Seale, Surrey, and Marie Christine, daughter of M and Mme Gérard Brunin, of Paris, France, and Palamos, Catalonia.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Stendhal (Marie Henri Beyle) novelist, Grenoble, 1783; Edouard Manet, painter, Paris, 1832; Sergei Eisenstein, film director, Riga, Russia, 1898; Airey Neave, MP, 1916.

DEATHS: William Baffin, navigator, Persian Gulf, 1622; William Caslon the Elder, type founder, London, 1766; William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister 1783-1801 and 1804-06, London, 1806; Charles Kingsley, writer, London, 1875; Gustave Doré, illustrator, Paris, 1883; Anna Pavlova, prima ballerina, The Hague, 1931; Dame Clara Butt, contralto, North Stoke, Oxfordshire, 1936; Edvard Munch, painter, Oslo, 1944; Pierre Bonnard, painter, Le Cannet, France, 1947; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, London, 1956; Paul Robeson, singer and actor, Philadelphia, 1976; Samuel Barber, composer, New York, 1981; Salvador Dali, painter, Figueras, Spain, 1989.

Fletcher Christian and The Bounty mutineers landed on Pitcairn Island, 1790.

Ramsay Macdonald formed the first Labour Government, 1924.

The proceedings of the House of Lords were first televised, 1985.

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Keep awake, then, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Matthew 24 : 42

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On 7th January 1997, to Bindy and David, beautiful twin daughters, Clementine Violet and Matilda Daisy.

AYRES - On 20th January, to Katy and Christopher, a daughter, Lucy Isabel.

BENTLEY - To Ronald and Fiona (née Leigh), on 12th January 1997, a daughter, Georgia Charlotte.

BRAHAM - On January 19th, to Isabel (née Gurney) and Edward, a son, Charles Richmond, a brother for Katie and Richard.

BUTT - On 17th January 1997, to Amanda (née Newbury) and Andrew, a son, George Walter Arne.

CARRICK - On January 15th, to Charlotte (née Sayers) and Nick, a daughter, Marina Dorothy Blaise.

DODD - To Jane Hawdon and Mark Dodd, a daughter, Miranda, on 16th January at University College London Hospitals.

GRANT - On 22nd January 1997, to Georgia and David, a son, Joseph Albert Jack, a brother for Ella.

HETT - On 20th January, to Sally (née Pilkington) and David, a son, Marcus Anthony.

LATIF - On January 14th at The Portland Hospital to Ali and Tania a son - Soner, Tuesday's child is full of grace.

MACGREGOR - On 16th January in Aspen, Colorado, USA, to Susan (née Duval) and Robert, a daughter, Elizabeth Verity Hammon.

MARLAND - On 21st January 1997, to Jonathan and Penny (née Lamb), a daughter, Domenica, a sister to Marcus, Hugo and Allegra.

MAXWELL - On January 14th in Edinburgh, to Ann and Jonny, a son, Mair Walker, a brother for Connor.

NISBET - On 16th January at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Paula (née Boyagis) and Christopher, a daughter, a sister for Kit and Angus.

NOLAN-McDONOUGH - On January 10th 1997 in London - to Catherine and Mark, a son, Seth James Kenealey

PERRIN - On 16th January 1997 in New Jersey, USA, to Phyllis (nee Forsyth) and Andrew, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a beautiful sister for Alexander.

ROBINSON - See Waugh.

SELF - On 17th January 1997, to Heather and Howard, a daughter, Jenna Kathryn, a sister for Matthew.

SHOVELL - On January 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Carroll) and Kenny, a beautiful daughter, Jessica Katerina, our little dream.

BIRTHS

STALEY - On 21st January, to Amanda and Mike, a son, Jack Michael Scatliff, a brother for Jessica, George and Victoria.

STAVRINOU - On 10th January 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Philip and Ruth (née White), a daughter, our precious little angel, Phoebe Catherine.

STOKES - On 11th January 1997, to Stephen and Penny (née Fitz), a son, Charles Adrian Richard Scott, a brother for Carl.

SWINBURN - On 14th January, to Kate and Richard, a son, Charlie, a brother for Joe.

THOMPSON - Stephen and Susan Westwell of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, are proud to announce the birth of their second grandchild, a beautiful baby boy. His name is Griffin Thompson. He was born on 1st January 1997 and his weight was 6lbs 13ozs Proud parents Nicholas and Stacey Thompson of Wesham, Lancashire. A brother for Morgan. Another nephew for Simon.

TREMERIE - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Rik and Liz, a beautiful son, Harry George.

VELASCO - On Sunday 19th January 1997, in Edinburgh, to Arabella (née Trevillian) and Ismael, a daughter, Lucia Kalima.

WAUGH - On January 12th, to Sophie Louise (née Britain) and Chris, twins, Pippa Gabrielle and Emma Caroline.

WETZEL - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Linda and Jeff, a beautiful daughter, Katelin, a sister for Jamey.

DEATHS

BATHER - Mrs Daisy May, known as Judy, died on 20th January 1997 peacefully at her home. Funeral Service at Pulborough Parish Church at 11 am on Tuesday 28th January 1997.

BEECH - Roy Stuart of Newcastle, Staffordshire on 17th January peacefully after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Pat. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Westlands, Newcastle, Staffordshire on Monday 27th January 1997 at 2.15 pm. All further enquiries to Marsh & Son Funeral Directors of 36 Friarswood Road, Newcastle, Staffordshire tel: (01782) 717019.

DEATHS

BINNY - On 20th January peacefully at home Major Trevor Binny, Royal Fusiliers (retd). Beloved husband of Elisabeth and devoted father of Camilla. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30pm on Saturday, 1st March at Little Wenham Church.

BLENKINSOP - Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, suddenly on 18th January, aged 88 years, Mary (née Harrold), beloved wife of the late Arthur, dearly loved mother of Bridget, Keith and David, a much loved mother-in-law and grandmother. Family flowers only please but donations, in lieu, may be sent to The League of Friends, Newcastle General Hospital. Enquiries may be made to The Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0191) 273-1311.

BURKE - Elizabeth Mary of Beaupare, Co. Meath, on 22nd January peacefully at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda. Greatly loved mother of Tommy, Sonia, Carole and Moira, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral strictly private. Thanksgiving Services at dates to be announced, will be held at Navan and Kings Walden.

COORAY - On 20th January 1997, Dodwell Cooray (25th September 1914) journalist, diplomat and secretary of the Road Haulage Association. 'A true son of Sri Lanka'. Adored husband of Anna; much loved father of Micky, Sita, Chandra and Rani; father-in-law of Michael, John and Derek; and doting grandfather of Michael, Julian, Mark, Justin, Neisha, Jojo and Johnny, and proud great-grandfather of Gabrielle. Service on Thursday 30th January 1997 at Holy Trinity Church, Phillip Lane, Tottenham N17 (Opposite Tottenham bus garage) 9.50 am, followed by committal at Enfield Crematorium, at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations to any elderly or heart charity. "He got up and left the room, I know not where he went but I know he was here by the laughter he left behind".

CORNWELL - On January 19th Gertrude Elizabeth, aged 94. Peacefully, after a short illness, at Friends of the Elderly nursing home, Wimbledon. Loving sister of the late Rosalie and Joyce. Former headmistress of Greycotes School, Oxford. Cremation service to be held at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Benhall Mill Road, Tunbridge Wells on February 4th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Fredk. Paine, Funeral Directors, tel: (0181) 946-1974.

CUMMINS - On January 20th 1997 at home, Lawson Peter aged 54 years, much loved and loving husband of Helen, father of Robert and Edward, son of Lawson and Eileen and brother of Christopher and Pauline. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St Lawrence, Eyam, on Wednesday January 29th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Ashgate Hospice, Ashgate Road, Chesterfield. Further enquiries to J.E. Nourish Funeral Director, (01433) 650592.

DAVIES - Yn dawel yng Nghartref Parc Wern, Rhydaman ar Ionawr 18fed, Hannah Jane, gynt o Dafen, Llanelli, priod hoff y diweddar Lynworth, mam annwyl Lloyd ac Ann, Angharad a Wyn, mam-gu gariadus Aled, Heledd, Tomos a Sioned, chwaer-yng-nghyfraith Joan a modryb garedig. Gwasanaeth cyhoeddus yn Eglwys Y Plwyf, Dafen am 1.30 o'r gloch, Dydd Sadwrn Ionawr 25ain a chladdu yn y fynwent. Blodau'r teulu yn unig ond, os dymunir, cyfraniadau i Gronfa Parc Wern, trwy law y Parch. Michael Davies, Y Ficerdy, Dafen.

DEWHURST - On January 19th 1997 peacefully after a long illness, Peggy, beloved wife of the late Hubert and mother of Richard, Nicholas and Virginia. The funeral service is at Semington Crematorium, Wiltshire, on Monday January 27th at 2pm. Enquiries to Stuarts Funeral Service, (01380) 723883.

DYSON - Dr Arnold, dearly loved husband of Fiona, father of Lindsay, Elspeth and Matthew and grandfather of Rebecca, Amy, Molly and Emily, died peacefully on January 17th. Funeral is to be held at West Norwood Crematorium at 3pm on Thursday January 30th. Donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London SE26 6DZ.

EARLY - Richard Elliot, Blanket Maker of Witney, passed away peacefully on January 17th 1997, aged 88 years. Dearly beloved by his sisters, children, grandchildren and wider family. Private cremation at Oxford on January 29th. Thanksgiving Service at Witney High Street Methodist Church on Friday February 7th at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Witney Methodist Church c/o Green & Co., 10 Bridge Street, Witney, Oxon.

FIELD - Hon. Mrs Elizabeth (Betty), late of Bourton, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, on 21st January 1997 after a long illness, aged 98 years. Widow of Col. Frank Field. Funeral Service and interment at Holy Trinity Church, Bourton, on Tuesday 28th January at 11 am. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Holy Trinity Church, Bourton. Enquiries please to W.J. Northwood & Sons Funeral Directors, 52 High Street, Much Wenlock, tel: (01952) 727248 or 727813.

FOSTER - Cecil died most peacefully at home in Islip on 21st January in his 97th year. He was the greatly loved father of Jerome, father-in-law of Joanna, and grandfather of Hugo and Kate. Following a family cremation at 12.45 pm there will be a service of thanksgiving at St Nicholas church, Islip, at 2.45 pm on Monday 27th January. Flowers or donations to the Emmaus Oxford project for the homeless may be sent to L. Hartness, 11 Victoria Road, Bicester OX6 7QD (01869 253282).

GARNHAM - Diana Myfanwy, on January 18th peacefully in hospital following a stroke. Eldest daughter of the late Professor and Mrs Cyril Garnham. Much loved sister of older Isolde, Clealy, Claude, Jasper and Carolyn. Loving aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Chesham, on Tuesday 28th January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church. All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Chalfont St Peter, tel: 01753 891 200.

GILLIBRAND - Frank Richard Henry Mangnall, on 18th January 1997, aged 48 years, with his friends Michael and Annette Coverley in a road traffic accident. Most dearly loved son, brother and uncle. Lover of music, fine art and ancient motor cars; Barrister, racing driver, musician and herpetologist. Funeral Service to be held at St Saviour's Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford on Saturday 1st February at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Brooklands Fund, c/o Mr Bryan Reynolds, 4 Blackstone Hill, Redhill, Surrey RH1 6BE.

GLYN-JONES - On 19th January, John, younger son of Sir William and Lady Glyn-Jones, aged 87. At his request, no funeral service is being held.

HEMMINGS - Richard Henry Hemmings OBE died peacefully on 19th January in Wexham Park Hospital, Slough. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation.

GOYDER - On January 19th peacefully after a short illness at home. George Armin Goyder CBE aged 88, beloved husband for 59 years of Rosemary, much loved by his 8 children, 23 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral at Long Melford Church at 1pm on Wednesday 29th January, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Long Melford Church.

JACKSON - Diana (Margot), peacefully on January 21st, aged 98. Much loved sister of Kitty and Bob, aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Family funeral at New Hall, on January 30th. No flowers by request. R.I.P.

KAY - Dr. John Gerald on January 14th 1997 suddenly at home aged 72 years, much loved husband of Frances, dear stepfather of Peter and Jane and a dearly loved grandad to Lisa and Kelly. "There's a face we shall remember, a voice we shall always recall, a memory to cherish forever, of one so dear to us all". Funeral Mass at St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, Liverpool, on Friday 24th January at 12 noon followed by cremation at Springwood Crematorium, Liverpool. Enquiries c/o R. McDougall & Co, tel: (0151) 226-4433.

LEE - John Henry Dixon, died at his son-in-law and daughter's home in London on January 19th. Dearly loved husband of Barbara, father of Sarah and grandfather of Lucinda and James. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bedford, Tuesday February 4th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Messrs & Cotterill, (0181) 874-7698.

LEWIS - Rev. Christopher Thomas Samuel, on 18th January, aged 88, at Manormead, Hindhead. Husband of Josephine, father of David and Elizabeth.

MAYNE - Miranda, died peacefully on 19th January aged 90. Much loved wife of the late Charles Mayne, and mother of the late Professor Timothy McElwain. Funeral Service at St Andrew's, East Hagbourne, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 29th January followed by cremation at Oxford. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to either the Cancer Research Campaign or the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to R & H Barker, Funeral Directors, Didcot, tel: (01235) 510033.

McCORMICK - Pier died peacefully on Monday 13th January. Much loved father of Ian and grandfather of Liza, Rory, Sophie and Fergus. Funeral Service 2 pm Friday January 31st at St Mary's and All Saints Church, Great Stambridge, near Rochford, Essex. Family flowers only but if desired donations in his memory may be sent to The Bob Champion Cancer Trust, 6 Old Garden House, The Lanterns, Bridge Lane, London SW11 3AD.

McELWAIN - (Kate) beloved wife of Dr. Peter Robert McElwain (deceased), dearly loved mother of Lizzie, Simon, Tim, Bridget and Mary-Kate. Grandmother of Charles and C.J. Mother-in-law to Julie and Richard, passed away suddenly but peacefully on 16th January 1997. Service and burial at 9.30 am, Tuesday 28th January at Princethorpe College Chapel. Enquiries and floral tributes to the Co-operative Funeral Service, 38 Bilton Road, Rugby. "Death is nothing at all.... I have only slipped away into the next room" We all miss you so much mother, God Bless you always 'Tassles'.

MULLINS - On January 20th aged 92, Gwen Mullins OBE, widow of Claud, beloved mother of Ann, Barbara and Edwin, devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday January 30th at 10.30 am.

MUMFORD - On Sunday January 19th 1997 peacefully at The Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge, Deryk Ernest Mumford C.B.E. aged 84 years. Husband of Leonie Alice and father of Hugh and Anna. Principal of the Cambridge College of Arts and Technology between 1948-1977, ardent educationalist and lover of sport and opera. He was educated at King Edward VII School, Lytham St Anne's and Downing College, Cambridge. Cremation will take place at the Cambridge Crematorium on Wednesday January 29th at 1.45 pm. A Memorial event will be arranged at a later date. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Cancer Research may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Cambridge CB1 4UB.

PHILLIPS - Edwin William Phillips MBE peacefully in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, on January 20th 1997 aged 78. Funeral Service St John's Church, Merrow, on Thursday 30th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation c/o Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NT.

NICHOLSON - Lance, former owner of Lance Nicholson Fishing Tackle Dulverton, after a short illness at North Devon Hospital on January 17th. Burial at Brampton Cemetery Cumbria on Monday January 27th at 10am. A memorial meeting will be held mid February in Dulverton. For details please phone 01398 323409. Donations to Save the Children c/o Geo. Hudson & Sons Funeral Directors, 118 Wigton Road, Carlisle, CA2 7ES.

PIPER - Myfanwy died peacefully at home on Saturday January 18th 1997. Family funeral. A celebration will take place later.

RAYMOND - Betty Unice, peacefully on 21st January 1997, beloved wife of the late Jack and dearly loved and loving mother of Santa, Verity, Nicola and John and grandmother of Christie, Jemima, Jonathan, Stephanie, Joshua, Tabitha and Marina. Funeral Service at 11.30 am on Monday 27th January at St. Mary's Church, Herriard. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Friends of St. Mary's Church, c/o Hiderfield House, Herriard, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 2DY.

REDBURN - Henry Ashley OBE TD, of Owermoigne, Dorset. On 11th January after a short illness, in his 85th year. Much loved husband of Margaret and father of Simon. He will be deeply missed.

RUTLAND - On 19th January at the Dower House, Headbourne Worthy, the Honourable Joan (née Milne), widow of James Rutland, in her 90th year. Cremation private.

SIMPKIN - Peter R. OBE on January 16th peacefully at home in Henley-on-Thames, dearly loved husband of Freda, loving father and grandfather to Ian, Heather and their children. Private cremation, family only.

TAYLOR - On January 21st peacefully in Highgate, Dr. Joan Taylor BSc, MB BS, DPH, FRCPath, wife of the late Dennis Bentley. The funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Highgate, on Tuesday February 4th at noon. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., (0181) 444-5753.

STIBBE - Philip peacefully on 17th January after a long illness bravely borne. Beloved by his family and friends. Chindit, F.E.P.O.W. (Rangoon), Housemaster Bradfield College, Headmaster Norwich School. Body willed to medical research. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service Norwich Cathedral 2 pm Friday April 25th. Donations to Philip Stibbe Scholarship Fund (Bradfield or Norwich), or Parkinson's Disease Society Research c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

THIRKETTLE - Raymond Edward, peacefully at his home on 20th January 1997. Dearly loved husband of Maria, father of Diana, Paul, Christopher, Helen and Robert, also beloved grandfather to his seven grandchildren. Funeral Service St Michael's, Linton, near Skipton, North Yorkshire, on Friday 24th January at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

THOMSON - (Née Faish) Elizabeth Mary of Kentchurch suddenly in Chicago on Sunday 19th January from a massive infection. Funeral Friday 7th February 12.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Kentchurch, Herefordshire. Flowers will be provided by family. Donations will be given to Action Aid.

WHITE - Kathleen (Kits) January 21st 1997 at Beechwood House, Newcastlewest. Formerly of Hollypark, Craughwell, Co. Galway. Dearly beloved sister of Bill, Sadly missed by her nephews, niece and all her relatives and friends and all at Nantenan, R.I.P. Funeral Mass on Saturday January 25th at Kilcolgan, Craughwell at 12.30 pm. Burial afterwards to adjoining cemetery.

WILSON - Peacefully at home in Ramsbury, on January 20th 1997, Harry, beloved father of Jill and Mark and a sadly missed grandfather of Carolyn. Funeral will take place at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, on Thursday 30th January, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to MENCAP c/o Franklin & Sons, Ramsbury, Wilts. SN8 2PG, tel: (01672) 520241.

WOOD - On 21st January 1997, Janet Veitch Wood, aged 90 years. Widow of Albert William and a loved mother and grandmother. Service at All Saints Church, Sanderstead, on Wednesday January 29th at 3 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George Street, Croydon.

WOODHOUSE - Dr. Sydney Carver, on January 20th, aged 102 years, peacefully at his home, Alder Dale, Wolverhampton. Husband of the late Erica, a wonderful and dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather and friend to all who knew him. Funeral at Bushbury Crematorium, Wolverhampton at 1.30 pm on Thursday January 30th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I.

WYATT - Dr. Richard Francis died peacefully at home on 18th January 1997, aged 87 years. He will be sadly missed by his wife and all his friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Buckland, on Monday 27th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Longcot Church Bells Restoration Fund, c/o J. Godfrey & Son, Buckland, Faringdon, Oxon. SN7 8QS, (01367) 870 293.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BATCHELOR - Eleanor. A Requiem Mass will be sung at St Mary's Church, Bourne Street, London SW1 at 6.30pm on Friday 31st January 1997.

HUXLEY - Elspeth Josceline, CBE. A Memorial Service will be held at Oaksey Parish Church, Malmesbury, Wilts. at 11.30 am Saturday 8th March.

STEPHENS - Llewelyn Tudor of Shrewton. The Memorial Service for Llewelyn will be held at The Methodist Chapel, Shrewton on Friday 31st January, 1997 at 2 pm. All welcome.

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SQUADRON LEADER RICHARD LEVEN

Squadron Leader Richard Leven, DFC, DFM, wartime bomber pilot, theatre director and circus manager, died on January 15 aged 75. He was born on April 3, 1921.

Given the life expectancy of bomber pilots during the Second World War, Richard Leven's 127 operations over enemy territory represented remarkable survival against the odds. Flying continuously from the spring of 1941 until early 1945 he progressed from the vulnerable Blenheim to the nimble and fast-flying Mosquito. In that time, too, he advanced in rank from sergeant pilot to squadron leader, collecting the DFM, the DFC and the Belgian Croix de Guerre avec Palme on the way.

After his demobilisation in 1946 he embarked on a theatrical career, becoming in turn actor, producer, agent and, lastly, one of the first outsiders to penetrate the closed world of the circus.

Richard Leven was educated at Bryanston whose head master T. F. Coade took a keen interest in the arts and encouraged his pupils, who included the artists Adrian Heath and Lucian Freud, to do likewise. Bryanston's visiting speakers included Cecil Day Lewis, Christopher Isherwood and W. H. Auden. The latter, shortly to leave for the civil war in Spain, had a powerful influence on Leven and encouraged his interest in poetry.

His father, an observer in the Royal Flying Corps, had been badly injured when his Bristol fighter crashed and Leven grew up with strongly pacifist inclinations. He was an enthusiastic recruit for Bryanston's German exchange with the Salem school run by Kurt Hahn, who later founded Gordonstoun. In the event, the Nazi threat to Britain persuaded Leven to volunteer for the RAFVR after war broke out.

He applied for pilot training rather than the Army or the Navy because he felt he could be "in control of my own destiny". In training he met Mike Nolan, an Irishman who became a lifelong friend, serving as his navigator on more than 100 missions.

Richard Leven, centre, with his navigator Mike Nolan, left, and his air gunner

They raided the docks at Boulogne, the port of Bremen and seaplane bases on the North Friesian island of Sylt before being sent to Gibraltar, in readiness for the defence of Malta. As a sergeant pilot Leven later led his squadron on raids over Libya to protect the retreating Eighth Army and on enemy air bases in Sicily, in order to inhibit their bombing attacks against Malta.

During an attack on an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean his Blenheim was seriously damaged by flak shells which exploded inside his aircraft and left Nolan unconscious from flying shrapnel. With all his fuel gone, Leven was forced to glide his aircraft on to the runway at Malta. He, Nolan and his air gunner were all awarded the DFM.

Back in Britain, Leven joined the Reform Club. On his first visit, while awaiting his proposer he was approached by a fellow member keen to hear about the young pilot's wartime experiences. His new acquaintance was Guy Burgess who, Leven recalled, was entertaining, if remarkably indiscreet, about his contacts — although notably subdued in the company of his friend Anthony Blunt.

Leven later joined a Mosquito wing which raided V1 and V2 sites in northern France. For this he was awarded the DFC.

Demobilised in 1946, he won a place at what was then the Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art. Afterwards he went into provincial repertory, appearing at the Grand Theatre, Luton; the Swansea Grand; the Theatre Royal, Huddersfield; the Theatre Royal, Brighton; and the Blackpool Grand.

He was then offered the chance to produce and direct. His friendship with the actress Patricia Hicks led to introductions to J. B. Priestley, Terence Rattigan and Rodney Ackland, who persuaded him to direct a rep version of his 1951 play *A Multitude of Sins*.

This success did not gain him admission to the West End, but Leven found acting opportunities in films, which included *The History of Mr Polly* (1949), *Moulin Rouge* (1952) and *The Malta Story* (1953). However, the opportunity to audition for a starring role in *Angels One Five* (1952) ended in disappointment. John Gregson was picked for the role.

A chance visit to Ringlands circus at St Albans, run by a branch of the Fossett family, led Leven into an area of entertainment which had traditionally remained closed to outsiders. Keen to combine circus with music hall, he enlisted the help of another former pilot, Alan Russell, a leading light within the Agents' Association. Despite Russell's misgivings Leven went ahead with a tour of eight venues with Ringlands, ending at Pontypridd.

In 1953 he joined Sir Robert Fossett's Circus as ringmaster but left after a dispute over an injured performer. He then worked in the fairground at Margate before becoming booker for the management of the nearby Hippodrome Theatre. From this base he formed a new stage circus, hiring the Paulos family troupe and presenting shows in London, Birmingham and Chessington.

For a few years in the late 1950s Leven ran a recording studio in the West End, then briefly worked in the City. But he later returned to the Big Top as musical director for Fossetts.

Of all his careers, his last was perhaps the most unlikely. Leven's interest in palmistry had been encouraged by Captain Dymott, the commanding officer of the submarine which had transported him from Malta back to Gibraltar. His showbusiness contacts ensured a ready supply of clients, including the late Keith Moon of The Who. This led to a number of television and radio appearances and subsidised his work on his unpublished memoirs, *My Flying Circus* and an anthology, *My Wartime Poems* (1990).

Leven never married after his wartime love chose another suitor. Towards the end of his life he lived at his Swiss Cottage flat, surviving a violent assault by two burglars and battling for many months against cancer.

In later years, the exposure of the Blunt affair again brought him back in the public eye. He always asserted that Guy Burgess in particular had been a dupe rather than a committed enemy agent.

JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis, typographer, died on December 22 aged 84. He was born on December 12, 1912.

JOHN LEWIS became distinguished as typographer, author and small boat expert — but, above all, he was a most amusing and charming companion. Of Welsh blood on both sides, he was a raconteur of great skill.

Under parental pressure he joined Bart's as a medical student before the war, but he was really an artist. Having failed his exams, he was offered a job as a medical illustrator by the Dean of Medicine, who had seen his zoological drawings. Lewis chose to go to Goldsmiths College as an art student instead.

During the war he became a senior camouflage officer, of which he gave a fascinating description in his autobiography *Such Things Happen* (1994). In 1946 he joined the printing firm of W. S. Cowell in Ipswich to become their studio manager, knowing nothing about book printing but attracted by the fact that the firm was in good sailing country.

The first thing he was asked to design and produce was a type book. *A Handbook of Printing Types*, produced in 1947, made his name in the world of publishing. Among its remarkable features were illustrations in colour by Henry Moore, John Piper, Blair Hughes-Stanton, John Nash, Edward Bawden, and Graham Sutherland (all of whom were Lewis's friends). It was reprinted in 1948 and followed in 1952 by *A Book of Typefaces*, perhaps the best technical handbook of its time — a "must" for all serious typographers.

In 1956 Lewis's superb *Handbook of Type and Illustration* was published, with magnificent illustrations in colour mostly by staff or students of the Royal College of Art, where he was by then teaching. It was the first time a book had been written (about how to draw for graphic reproduction) from the point of view of the printer who has to effect the reproduction.

Lewis wrote and edited many other books, including *Printed Ephemera*, a masterpiece which resulted from a lunch-time visit to an Ipswich bookseller at which he acquired, for £2, an elephant-sized folio of printing specimens made by Dr Lodge, the Cambridge University Librarian, in about 1820. It contained among other treasures, a Papal Indulgence and a Baskerville specimen sheet. The resultant marvellous and beautiful collection put together, edited and designed by Lewis was a bestseller.

He later became an adviser and examiner of Britain's Art Schools under the National Council of Diplomas in Art and design scheme. He also designed posters, programmes and publicity for successive Aldeburgh festivals, from 1948 onwards.

He managed to combine his multifarious design and teaching activities with small boat sailing in East Coast and continental waters. The first boat he had built for himself was called *Patient Griselda*, after his wife Griselda, whom he married in 1940. She survives him; there were no children.

NICHOLAS HINTON

Nicholas Hinton, CBE, charity administrator, died of a heart attack in Croatia on January 20 aged 54. He was born on March 15, 1942.

NICHOLAS HINTON was an internationalist and a visionary. He dedicated his life to the service of others and in particular the marginalised and vulnerable in society. He pushed himself to the limit. He died on the way to Sarajevo, while travelling to meet his staff.

What made his work particularly effective was his impatience with the closed nature of the voluntary world, in which public criticism of agencies supposedly devoted to the public good was virtually taboo. Angered by the failure of UN agencies in Somalia — they vanished when the fighting and famine were worst and left Save the Children and the Red Cross to pick up the pieces — and elsewhere in Third World war zones, he set out to find out why they had performed so badly.

He then formulated serious and radical proposals for reform which he pressed vigorously on the British and other governments. His watchwords were value for money, accountability and flexibility. It was his ruthless application of them to every organisation with which he worked that gave him the reputation of an *enfant terrible*.

The son of an Anglican clergyman, Nicholas John Hinton was educated first at Salisbury Cathedral Choir School, where he became head chorister, and then at Marlborough College. He won a choral exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he read law. From Cambridge he thought of becoming a barrister but instead opted for a job at Northorpe Hall, near Leeds. This was pioneering a new approach for young offenders, later to become known as intermediate treatment. He moved after three years to the newly-formed National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO) where he started as training officer. He was soon made director.

From then on he forged a highly influential role in the voluntary sector. He raised the stature of the key organisation dedicated to serving the after-care needs of offenders and, at the same time, discovered the power of campaigning that the voluntary sector possessed. From NACRO, Hinton took up the post of Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) in 1977. Once again, he pushed this organisation to the fore and galvanised its member bodies into lobbying government and into improving their own effectiveness. He was an inspiring role model for many people trying to develop innovative, well-managed and influential voluntary action. He helped the voluntary sector gain confidence and sophistication. He was appointed CBE in 1985 for his services to the voluntary sector.

In 1983 he stood as a candidate for the SDP/Liberal Alliance in Somerton and Frome and made a significant impression, gaining 36 per cent of the vote in what was a safe Conservative seat.

In line with the pattern of much of the voluntary sector at the time the most likely source from which to discover a Director-General of the Save the Children Fund was the Diplomatic Service or the Armed Forces. The selection board took some persuading that someone who had displayed overt political ambition and was a careerist within the voluntary sector would be the right Director-General for Save the Children.

But he and the board hardly ever looked back. He arrived with a flourish bringing with him a three-piece suite, some revolutionary Russian posters, an antique desk and other homely items. He took Save the Children from a well-meaning, highly establishment, cosy organisation to a high profile, dynamic force to be reckoned with. During his period of office income rose from £16 million in 1983 to over £100 million in 1993. He argued successfully that Save the Children's work should go beyond the delivery of services to campaigning and the organisation took centre stage during the revamp of the UN's Universal Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

In directors' meetings, which he chaired with clinical efficiency he was always several steps ahead. He thought huge but then usually achieved what he set out to do.

Hinton enabled the Princess Royal to excel in her role as Save the Children's Patron. By carefully briefing her and really engaging her genuine interest in children and development he employed her considerable skills and abilities to great effect. No longer were people impressed just that she came to events; they were impressed by what she had to say.

In 1994 he was appointed to the post of Chief Executive of the Millennium Commission. But, quite extraordinarily, on the day before his leaving party at Save the Children and three days before he was due to start with the Millennium Commission, he was dismissed. There was a difference of view about how to run the new organisation and the extent of the CEO's delegated powers — a difference which was exacerbated by his decision to appoint his former executive assistant at Save the Children as his deputy director without reference to any of the Commissioners. Even those who had supported his candidature then abandoned his cause, bringing about the low point of his career, if not of his life.

He returned to Save the Children for a further six months before being appointed as the first President/Chief Executive of International Crisis Group (ICG), the brainchild of Fred Cuny, an American engineer and disaster relief expert. During the 19 months remaining to him he managed to secure funding for practical and influential crisis prevention work in Bosnia, Burundi, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. In Sierra Leone ICG played a significant role in ensuring that a "fair" election process took place in 1996. He attracted Senator George Mitchell to ICG as its chairman, a partnership which worked brilliantly.

Hinton dressed stylishly with a penchant for garishly coloured socks. He could be waspish but was thoroughly unpompous with a mischievous sense of humour. He had a charming gaiety of character although relatively few people got to know him deeply. He relied heavily for personal support on Deborah, his wife, and on his executive assistant Paul Manning. Without them much less would have been achieved.

He found relaxation hard as his mind was always leaping ahead to the next challenge. Music was his main source of relaxation. He had a passion for choral music. In the late 1960s he ran the Edington Music Festival in Wiltshire. His greatest pleasure was playing the flute with his daughter Josie, to whom he was devoted.

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Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the London County Council, announced at a conference held in London yesterday that the Council would be recommended to consider applications from certain other county councils for contributions towards the reservation of a green belt around London. The offer would be open, he said, for a period of three years, and the Council's commitment in that period would be limited to £2,000,000.

The conference was convened by the L.C.C. to consider the reservation of recreational areas and the establishment of a green belt or girdle of open spaces round London.

Mr. Morrison said that the L.C.C. would be recommended to declare its willingness to consider applications from the county councils of Buckingham, Essex, Hertford, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey, and the county borough councils of Croydon, East Ham and West Ham, for contributions towards the approved cost of acquiring or, where legally possible, sterilizing the lands to be reserved. The grants made by the Council would vary according to the value to London of the lands proposed to be acquired or sterilized, but in no case would the Council's contributions exceed 50 per cent of the approved cost of acquisition or sterilization.

The grants made would be capital expenditure, and would be made in respect only of the acquisition of the land. No part of the cost of laying out or maintaining the lands acquired would be borne by the Council.

In the event of the Council adopting the proposals, it was hoped that the scheme would be welcomed by the county authorities, and that immediate advantage would be taken of the offer. It would be hoped also that these proposals, so far from retarding the private generosity of landowners, which had already contributed to the provision of open spaces, would encourage landowners to make desirable areas of land available for acquisition by the county authorities on reasonable and even generous terms.

Various points were put to the representatives of the London County Council by the representatives of other authorities, who, while not being able to commit their respective authorities, indicated that the offer of the Council would be accorded a friendly reception.

ON THIS DAY

January 23, 1935

The Green Belt, a highly imaginative concept, campaigned for by such as Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the distinguished architect and town planner, has had considerable influence on later planners in many fields of activity.

EXPRESS DRIVER KILLED

Frank Holt, of Briant Heath, Wilford, Nottingham, the driver of an express train from Nottingham to London, was killed on Monday when he was struck by a bridge over the railway near Irchester. Holt had climbed to the top of the tender in order to get some coal.

The train, which was non-stop from Leicester to Luton, was going at about 60 miles an hour when it approached a bridge. Holt, who was on the tender at the time, was killed instantly. The fireman brought his mate down to the footplate and took charge of the train to Wellingborough, where a relief driver took control.

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THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY JANUARY 23 1997

NEWS

British children asked to sign on

■ Every schoolchild could be given the opportunity to join the Army, Navy and Air Force cadets under government plans to instil a greater sense of self-discipline, loyalty and fitness among Britain's young people.

Under the proposals millions of pounds would be spent on setting up new centres, on equipping them and on recruiting former Service personnel to train the cadets .... Pages 1, 4

New Britannia to be funded by the state

■ The Royal Yacht *Britannia* is to be replaced at taxpayers' expense and the ship will be built at a British shipyard. A statement by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, took the Commons by surprise, and ended deliberations over whether to replace the royal yacht with private sector funding or to scrap plans for a modern ship .... Pages 1, 3

Multimillion gamble

The most wizened card sharks in Las Vegas are saluting the Australian tycoon Kerry Packer after he had a multimillion winning streak at the tables .... Page 1

Masons' register

The Lord Chancellor ruled out setting up a register of judges who are Freemasons but he told MPs he might canvass senior judges over whether they would declare membership .... Page 2

Publishing struggle

One of the last great independent publishing firms is being torn apart by a family power struggle. David Whitaker, chairman of J Whitaker & Sons said his son was trying to seize control .... Page 3

Bite mark 'clue'

A youth accused of murdering the schoolgirl Naomi Smith left a distinctive bite mark on her body which was "better than an autograph" in proving his guilt, a court was told .... Page 6

Monster discovered

A previously unknown species of flesh-eating dinosaur has been discovered on the Isle of Wight. The 26ft skeleton has a mouth full of razor-sharp teeth .... Page 8

Future of GPs

A 'jury' of 16 is being asked to decide which GP services the public is prepared to lose. The verdict could influence the future of all family doctors .... Page 9

Prized seat

The Tory candidate for the party's most prized parliamentary seat, Kensington and Chelsea, will be chosen tonight after a contest between four sharply contrasting contenders .... Page 10

Media cash curb

MPs called for laws to outlaw media payments to witnesses in criminal trials and to restrict pre-trial publicity .... Page 11

Yeltsin survives

Russia's parliament failed in its first attempt to have President Yeltsin removed from power on the grounds that illness has made him no longer fit .... Page 12

Cattle slaughter

Germany authorised the slaughter of over 5,000 cattle originating from Britain and Switzerland in an attempt to dampen popular fears that Mad Cow disease was now endemic .... Page 13

Mossad predicts war

Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency, was quoted as saying that unless stalled peace negotiations with Syria were resumed soon, all-out war was likely .... Page 14

Seal meat 'scam'

An animal welfare group has accused the Namibian Government of complicity in a "scam" in which Namibian seals are illegally slaughtered, dried out in strips and sold to poor blacks .. Page 15

Pilots warned of hoax traffic controller

■ Airline crews approaching Brussels airport have been alerted to potentially dangerous radio instructions from a man posing as an air traffic controller. The airport authority said the man, who has been broadcasting on a mobile radio from eastern Belgium, had been using the standard frequencies and the correct jargon to communicate with aircraft .... Page 13

DENZIL McNEELANCE

General Sir Peter de la Billière yesterday after he was told that he will not be welcomed at SAS premises for regimental functions. Pages 1, 5

BUSINESS

Economy: The volume of shop sales fell in December, reducing fears that interest rates would have to rise .... Page 23

Jobs: Around 2,000 new jobs were announced including 700 at Parcelforce in Coventry, 700 at a meat plant at Merthyr Tydfil and 600 at Shorts in Belfast .... Page 23

Morgan Grenfell: Nicola Horlick, the "superwoman" fund manager, said that she had been in informal talks with a rival firm until several days before she was suspended .... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 23.6 points to close at 4219.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 96.9 to 97.2 after a fall from $1.6622 to $1.6539 but a rise from DM2.7006 to DM2.7142 ... Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: Michael Atherton is fully aware that defeat by New Zealand in the first Test match could spell the beginning of the end of his reign .... Page 44

Football: Alan Buckley was dismissed as manager of West Bromwich Albion, becoming the seventh manager to part company with the club in ten years .... Page 44

Tennis: Pete Sampras will play Thomas Muster in the semi-finals of the Australian Open ..... Page 42

Racing: The circulation war between *The Sporting Life* and *Racing Post* has intensified and spread to betting shops .... Page 40

Golf: José María Olazábal hopes to return to competitive golf at the Dubai Classic after a break of 16 months .... Page 38

ARTS

Totems and taboos: In *Welcome to the Dollhouse* American director Todd Solondz uses comedy to deal with uncomfortable truths as he charts the humiliations of a bullied 11-year-old girl .... Page 31

Suburban angst: Mike Leigh's award-winning film *Secrets & Lies* is the best of the week's video releases; also Julia Roberts scrubbing a Victorian pavement and attempting an Irish accent in *Mary Reilly* .... Page 32

Space man: As the Royal Academy unveils the first major British showcase for 40 years of the work of Georges Braque, its curator talks of his genius .... Page 33

Chris Evans: Nobody earning £1 million a year needs sympathy, says Peter Barnard .... Page 33

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Practice makes perfect: The real meaning of sexual freedom is revealed after having children, says Maureen Freely .... Page 17

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on overcoming the male menopause; blood clots from the heart; the symptoms of Turner's Syndrome; reasons for gingivitis .... Page 16

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Forms of genius: Tom Hoving on imposter's talents; Peter Stothard on Gibbon's thesis; the Falklands' drama; Daniel Johnson on the enigmatic Jünger .... Pages 34, 35

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New adventure: Two Britons are opening up North Korea to Western tourism .... Page 37

Bargains: From five nights in Bangkok to visiting the ancient cities of Paradise .... Page 36

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ POP
Sleaze rockers Suede are making a comeback. David Sinclair talks to lead singer Brett Anderson about their renaissance

■ MATTHEW PARRIS
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After having denounced the lack of funds in both education and health, will Labour be able to do better than John Major's government with just as little money? They will have contributed to convincing the electorate that there is hardly any risk in voting Labour and will also have discouraged a sector of their electorate which is starting to ask themselves what is the point of voting if nothing is going to change! — *Le Monde*

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Preview: It is only a butterfly but it travels thousands of miles. *Incredible Journeys* (BBC1, 8pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on a celebration of artistic greatness .... Page 47

OPINION

Laws and the man

Swayed by the certainty that tampering with Hong Kong law will damage China's reputation, Tung Chee-hwa should not hesitate to cite Deng Xiaoping in the cause of freedom .... Page 19

Britannia II

The Government has gone for a traditional and expensive replacement for the Royal Yacht, surprising both its own supporters and Labour who may yet cause the scheme trouble .... Page 19

Off camera

To switch off the speed cameras on the roads altogether is to switch off a serious and successful attempt to improve road safety .... Page 19

COLUMNS

MALCOLM RIFKIND

We do not and will not believe in a European superstate. The future lies between two poles of federalism and a free trade area .. Page 18

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

These votes for the liberty of the citizen made one of the best days of the House of Lords. As members of a second chamber, the Lords have a special duty to protect the rights of citizens .... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

Parliament can at least lay down a benchmark by which the frankness and openness of ministers and officials can be judged. That may be the most important result of the Scott Inquiry .... Page 10

JOHN BRYANT

We are conditioned from childhood to think that an individual is either genetically athletic, or is not, and that sporting talent comprises a single unchanging set of abilities — a gift with which some lucky individuals are born .... Page 39

OBITUARIES

Richard Leven, bomber pilot, director and circus manager; **Nicholas Hinton**, charity administrator; **John Lewis**, typographer .. Page 21

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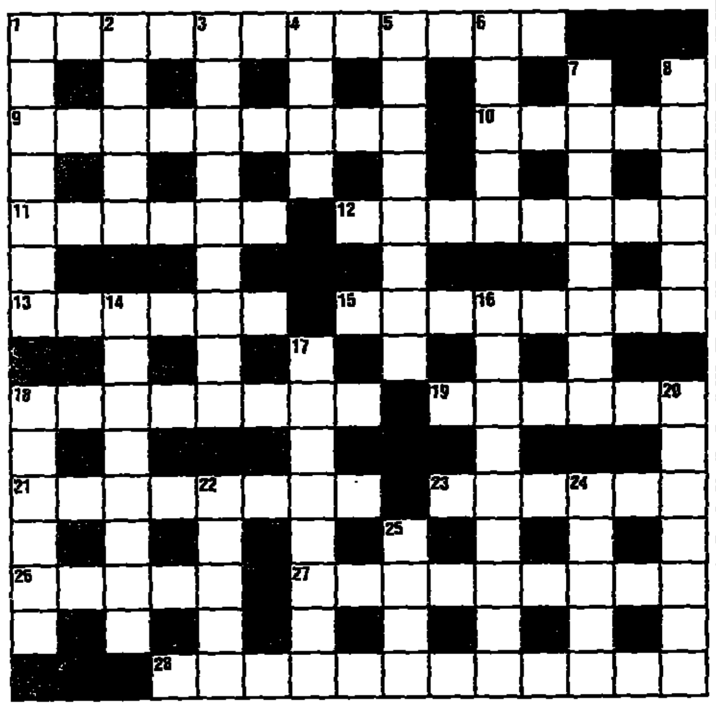

ACROSS

1 Feminine counterpart of electric blue? (8,4).
9 Finished with no scores in failures (4,5).
10 Private shot with reasonable accuracy (5).
11 Casually talk rubbish before getting let out (6).
12 They are expert fish workers (3,5).
13 Case of fruit, holding four (6).
15 Guy putting flowers around party clothes (4,4).
18 Twice copper has to go into the man's plant (8).
19 Judge a silly female? (6).
21 Type of phone call – rule out of order (8).
23 Note in concert of limited duration (3,5).
26 50 visiting church to make fast (5).
27 Employer of beak few are up before (5,4).
28 Too charming to be doubly mean about queen (6-6).

DOWN

1 Having taken chair to keep daughter calm (7).
2 Zero role for representation in such painting? (2,3).
3 Each one of them could be on hand, giving gentle treatment (5,6).
4 Lip that is stuck out riskily (4).
5 Father's fur is fair (8).
6 Sound of colt not reported (5).
7 One sister meeting with boy in deluge (8).
8 Head giving credit to academic stream (6).
14 Put in succinct form, forbidden after specified time (8).
16 The German eats bad oyster, that could be a killer (9).
17 Minor representative has to advance bloke money (8).
18 Cut ends off large feather (6).
20 State has to uphold protest sooner or later (7).
22 Doorkeeper has hesitation admitting unnamed woman (5).
24 Dirty article put in the shade (5).
25 Fighters mad getting rid of leader (4).

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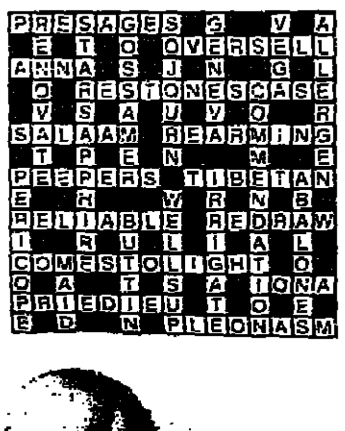

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway, -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Camborne, Cornwall, [illegible]; highest sunshine: Aviemore, Highland, 6.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be largely overcast, with mist or fog, especially over high ground. However, while northern parts have some drizzly rain, with sleet on the hills, the South should be mainly dry and may even see a little weak sunshine in places. Temperatures should reach normal.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will see mostly bright or sunny spells, though there may be a little rain in the extreme North West and also in the Scottish Borders. After some overnight frost, temperatures will remain below normal.

Winds will be light everywhere

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England:** mostly overcast and misty. Patchy fog and drizzle. Wind mainly south, light. Maximum 7C (45F).

☐ **Channel Islands, SW England, Wales:** isolated showers. Bright spells after a misty start. Wind south, light becoming moderate. Maximum 7C (45F).

☐ **NE England, Borders:** early sleet or snow dying out, then bright or clear spells. Wind mainly southwest, light. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** mostly dry and bright after early fog patches. Winds will be variable or southeast, light. Maximum 5C (41F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** patchy rain at first, sunny or clear spells later. Wind northeast, light or moderate. Maximum 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday:** cloud and rain crossing from the west, sunny spells developing thereafter.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.0	-	3	37	s
Anglesey	-	0.01	5	41	r
Aspatria	-	0.01	0	32	d
Aviemore	6.1	-	3	37	s
Belfast	-	-	3	37	du
Birmingham	-	0.12	4	39	d
Bognor R	-	0.24	7	45	du
Bournem'th	0.8	0.20	9	48	r
Bristol	-	0.13	7	45	d
Buxton	-	0.26	1	34	d
Cardiff	-	0.04	4	39	fg
Clacton	-	-	5	41	c
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	-	0.06	4	39	r
Cromer	-	0.02	5	41	d
Eastbourne	-	0.06	8	46	c
Edinburgh	-	-	1	34	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.31	-1	30	du
Exmouth	-	0.07	8	46	fg
Falmouth	-	0.17	7	45	du
Fishguard	-	0.33	3	37	d
Folkestone	-	0.05	7	45	r
Glasgow	X				
Guernsey	-	0.36	10	50	r
Hastings	-	0.09	7	45	c
Hayling I	-	0.20	6	43	r
Herne Bay	-	0.01	7	45	du
Hove	-	X	7	45	du
Hunstanton	-	0.20	5	41	r
Isle of Man	-	-	3	37	du
Jersey	[illegible]	0.37	6	43	r
Kinloss	6.1	-	5	41	s
Leeds	-	0.03	3	37	d
Lerwick	[illegible]	0.07	6	43	sh
Leuchars	4.9	-	3	37	s
Littlehmptn	-	0.28	8	46	c
London	-	0.19	9	48	du
Lowestoft	-	0.01	7	45	d
Manchester	-	0.19	2	36	fg
Margate	X				
Minehead	-	0.08	5	41	fg
Morecambe	-	0.04	2	36	sn
Newcastle	-	0.02	2	36	sl
Norwich	-	0.04	7	45	d
Oxford	X				
Penzance	X	0.28	7	45	d
Poole	0.9	0.23	9	48	r
Prestatyn	X	0.02	3	37	sn
Ross-o-wye	-	0.09	4	39	fg
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	-	0.19	7	45	r
Saunton Snd	-	0.11	7	45	du
Scarboro'	-	0.23	3	37	sl
Shanklin	-	0.22	8	46	r
Shrewsbury	X				
Skegness	-	0.16	4	39	sh
Southend	X				
Southsea	-	0.13	7	45	r
Stornoway	-	0.01	6	43	c
Swanage	0.7	0.19	8	46	sh
Teignmouth	-	0.09	8	46	du
Tenby	-	0.05	5	41	d
Tiree	1.6	-	5	41	c
Torquay	-	0.18	8	46	d
Tynemouth	-	0.01	1	34	du
Ventnor	-	0.25	7	45	fg
West-s-mare	-	0.09	7	45	du
Weymouth	0.9	0.07	8	46	b

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s
Akrotiri	17	63	f
Alex'dria	[illegible]	[illegible]	f
Algiers	20	68	f
Amst'dm	3	37	f
Athens	18	64	s
B Aires	30	86	s
Bahrain	20	68	s
Bangkok	31	88	s
Barbados	28	82	s
Barcelona	14	57	f
Beirut	17	63	r
Belgrade	2	36	f
Berlin	1	34	c
Bermuda	17	63	r
Biarritz	10	50	r
Borde'x	14	57	f
Brussels	2	36	c
Budapst	2	36	s
Cairo	19	66	s
Cape Tn	23	73	f
Ch'church	20	68	-
Chicago	3	37	f
Cologne	4	39	c
Corfu	15	59	f
C'phagn	-1	30	fg
Dublin	4	39	c
Dubrovnik	15	59	f
Faro	12	54	f
Florence	X		
Frankfurt	3	37	c
Funchal	15	59	s
Geneva	4	39	f
Gibraltar	13	55	r
Helsinki	-1	30	c
Hong K	X		
Innsbrck	3	37	f
Istanbul	9	48	f
Jeddah	25	77	s
Jo'burg	24	75	f
L Angels	14	57	f
L Palmas	17	63	f
Le Touquet	2	36	f
Lisbon	9	48	s
Locarno	5	41	f
Luxembg	3	37	c
Luxor	20	68	s
Madrid	9	48	c
Majorca	18	64	f
Malaga	12	54	d
Malta	19	66	s
Melb'rne	X		
Mexico C	18	64	s
Miami	22	72	s
Milan	7	45	d
Montreal	-12	10	s
Moscow	-6	21	sn
Munich	2	36	c
N Delhi	12	54	s
N York	1	34	c
Nairobi	28	82	f
Naples	16	61	s
Nice	15	59	f
Oslo	-2	28	c
Paris	5	41	c
Peking	-1	30	s
Perth	25	77	s
Prague	1	34	c
Reykjavik	2	36	h
Rhodes	17	63	s
Rio de J	30	86	f
Riyadh	21	70	s
Rome	17	63	s
S Fr'isco	11	52	r
S Paulo	26	79	X
Salzburg	1	34	c
Santiago	28	82	s
Seoul	-8	18	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	1	34	f
Strasb'rg	5	41	s
Sydney	28	82	s
Tangier	14	57	f
Tel Aviv	17	63	f
Tenerife	14	57	f
Tokyo	13	55	s
Toronto	-5	23	s
Tunis	18	64	s
Valencia	15	59	d
Vanc'ver	9	48	f
Venice	8	46	d
Vienna	2	36	s
Warsaw	1	34	c
Wash'ton	7	45	s
Wel'ngton	19	66	X
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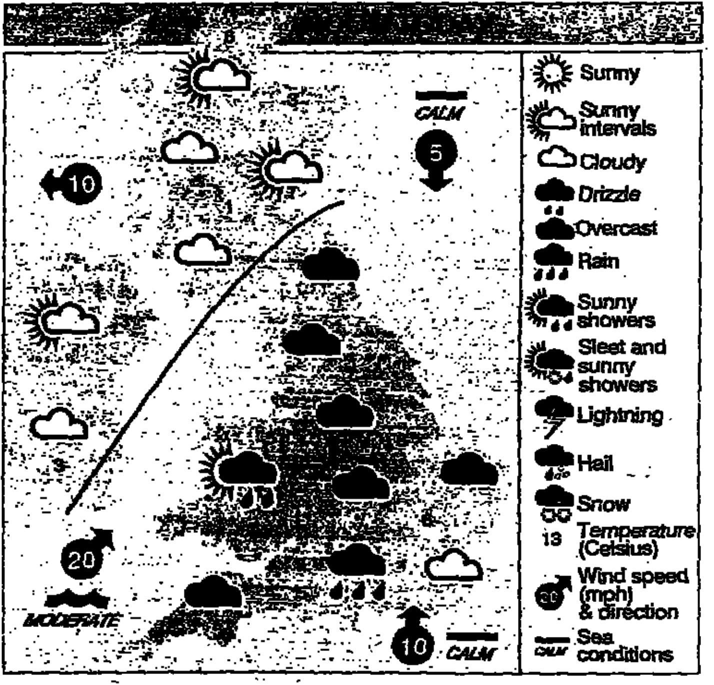

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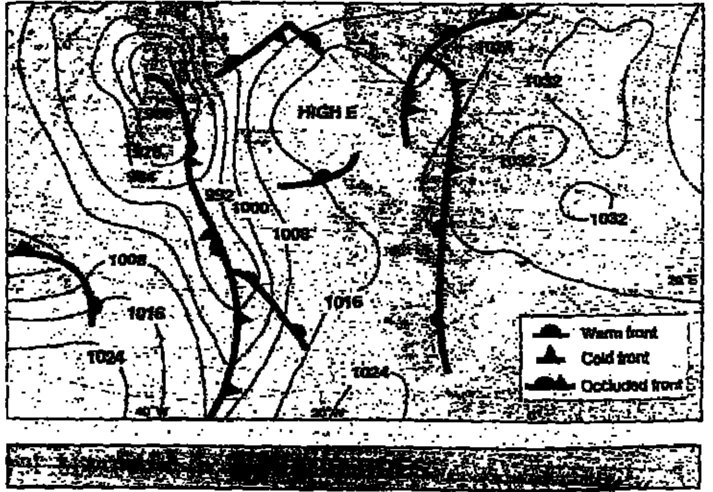

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London Bridge	01.39	6.9	14.00	6.8
Aberdeen	01.42	4.0	13.23	4.2
Avonmouth	07.04	12.6	19.27	12.6
Belfast	10.53	3.5	23.21	3.2
Cardiff	06.50	11.7	19.13	11.7
Devonport	05.41	5.2	18.01	6.1
Dover	10.57	6.3	23.15	6.5
Dublin (N Wall)	11.34	4.1	23.49	3.9
Falmouth	05.12	5.0	17.32	4.9
Greenock	00.30	3.1	12.23	3.4
Harwich	11.51	3.7	-	-
Holyhead	10.18	5.5	22.37	5.3
Hull (Albert D)	06.15	8.0	18.28	8.4
Ilfracombe	05.51	8.7	18.11	8.7
King's Lynn	06.19	6.1	18.28	6.5
Leith	02.30	5.2	14.49	5.3
Liverpool	11.11	9.0	23.29	8.9
Lowestoft	08.37	2.4	21.36	2.5
Margate	-	-	12.08	4.4
Milford Haven	06.07	6.5	18.26	6.5
Newquay	04.59	6.6	17.17	6.5
Oban	05.35	3.8	18.01	3.8
Penzance	04.29	5.3	16.47	5.2
Portland	06.39	1.9	19.08	1.7
Portsmouth	11.06	4.5	23.31	4.4
Shoreham	11.03	5.9	23.29	6.0
Southampton	10.39	4.4	23.00	4.3
Swansea	08.05	9.0	18.24	9.0
Tees	-	-	-	-
Walton-on-N	11.44	3.8	-	-

All times GMT. Heights in metres.

Sun rises: 7.51 am
Sun sets: 4.34 pm
Moon sets: 7.17 am
Moon rises: 4.53 pm
Full moon today

London 4.34 pm to 7.50 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 4.27 pm to 8.21 am
Manchester 4.35 pm to 8.06 am
Penzance 5.01 pm to 8.07 am

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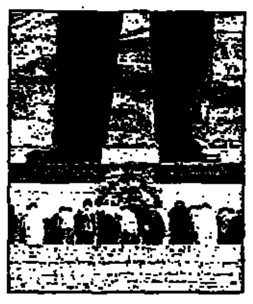

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JASON TILLEY

A multimillion-pound investment in a new distribution centre at the Parcelforce depot at Coventry airport will help to create 700 jobs

Fears of rate rise recede as high street sales fall

By Janet Bush, economics editor

THE Chancellor was given considerable ammunition in his fight to avoid a damaging interest rate rise before the election with yesterday's news of a shock fall in high street sales in the key Christmas shopping season.

Retail sales fell 0.8 per cent in December, disappointing already modest expectations in the City of a rise of 0.3 per cent. Against a year ago, sales were up only 2.9 per cent in December compared with year-on-year growth of 3.9 per cent in November, according to the Office for National Statistics.

More significant still for the inflation outlook — and therefore the balance of the argument on interest rates — were clear signs that consumers, for all the fears being expressed in the City of a runaway boom, are balking at paying higher prices.

Sales of clothing and footwear slumped 4.6 per cent in the month in spite of price falls of 0.2 per cent, an obvious reaction to retailers' attempts to raise prices in recent months. In contrast, food sales grew 0.4 per cent in December. This is one area of retailing where prices have remained extremely competitive as supermarkets have continued aggressive discounting wars.

The financial markets were euphoric yesterday on the assumption that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will be able to leave interest rates unchanged for the rest of this Parliament.

On the stock market, the FT-SE 100 index closed at a record high, climbing 23.6 points to end at 4,219.1 and British government bonds powered ahead by as much as a full point after the sales figures.

Further strengthening Mr Clarke's hand was another rally by sterling in spite of expectations that interest rates will not now go up. The pound powered ahead in tandem with a very strong dollar, hitting new 52-month highs against the mark. The pound's index against a basket of currencies rose to 97.2 from Tuesday's close at 96.9.

All the recent economic statistics have gone the Chancellor's way. Manufacturing has been weak, the Confederation of British Industry confirmed this week that sterling was hitting exports. There has been a surprise drop in money supply growth and signs that consumer demand for credit, including mortgages, tailed off somewhat in December. The last piece of the jigsaw comes on Monday with preliminary figures for fourth-quarter growth that are now widely expected to show a slowdown in economic activity compared with the third quarter.

Commenting on the overall picture, Keith Davies, UK economist with 4cast, said: "Evidence that slowing consumer spending dampened fourth-quarter growth, coupled to sterling's strength, suggests that the Chancellor has more than enough ammunition to keep rates on hold in February, while political considerations mean a rate rise after February is unlikely as the Chancellor enters the pre-election rate-rise exclusion zone."

Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, noted that December retail sales are more important than most months because the absolute level of sales by non-food retailers is about 50 per cent above the average of the other 11 months of the year.

"Hence, a weak December will leave retailers with excess stocks and this will help to cap prices in early 1997," he said.

The Chancellor decided to leave base rates unchanged at his monetary meeting with the Bank of England a week ago, citing the strength of sterling as a key reason. Earlier this week, the Bank made it clear that it wanted a rate rise. The next meeting on interest rates is on February 5.

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Royal yacht brings hope of jobs to shipyards

By Oliver August

THE Government's surprise announcement that it will build a new royal yacht in Britain crowned a day of good news on the employment front. A total of 2,500 new jobs were announced yesterday.

Taxpayers' money will fund work on the replacement *Britannia* for at least 500 shipbuilders at one of the few remaining UK shipyards. MPs from Belfast, Scotland and the North East were lobbying Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, in the House of Commons last night to secure the work for their constituency.

Nick Granger, director of the Shipbuilding and Shiprepairers' Association, said nine UK shipyards were capable of building a new royal yacht, including Vosper Thornycroft in Southampton, Devonport in Plymouth, the Appledore yard at Bideford, Devon, Harland & Wolff in Belfast, VSEL in Barrow, Yarrow Shipbuilders on the Clyde in Scotland, Kvaerner Govan, on the Clyde, Ferguson, on the Clyde, and Rosyth in Scotland.

He said: "No one has built a luxury vessel in this country for years, but one or two yards have been looking recently at small, luxury vessels as a possible market. An order like this could keep a yard busy for up to two years."

The Government's announcement was preceded by good news for various industries across Britain yesterday. At Shorts in Belfast an extra 600 aerospace workers will build a new 70-seat mid-range aircraft.

A further 700 jobs were created by the Post Office, which announced a multimillion-pound investment in its Parcelforce business. A new distribution centre in Coventry will make the business "faster and more efficient than any other carrier in the UK", it said.

Kevin Williams, the Parcelforce managing director, said: "The two new superhubs will be the largest investment in Parcelforce's history and create the biggest distribution centre in Europe, opening in 1999. Using state-of-the-art technology, the hubs will be capable of handling 40,000 items an hour and will reduce costs significantly."

Over the next two years a fully mechanised central distribution hub will be built to handle Parcelforce's express traffic. This will significantly increase network capacity, enabling Parcelforce to handle comfortably the 50 per cent growth it expects in its share of the express market over the next ten years.

St Merryn Meat announced it was investing more than £25 million to build one of the largest meat processing plants in Europe on reclaimed land near Merthyr, Wales.

The company, which supplies meat to Tesco, the supermarket giant, employs nearly 1,000 workers mainly in the South West and plans to take on another 663 in Merthyr, creating another 70 in supply firms.

The creation of 2,500 new jobs comes after last week's loss of 1,300 jobs at Ford's car plant at Halewood, Merseyside. Workers at the plant are to strike today in protest at the planned job cuts.

A union spokesman said that he expected all the plant's 4,500 workers, including white collar staff, to strike from 6.30am.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4219.1	(+23.6)
Yield	3.69%	
FTSE All share	2065.27	(+10.10)
Nikkei	18013.88	(+655.72)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6818.86	(-65.04)*
S&P Composite	782.13	(-0.59)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%*	(5 3/16%)
Long Bond	96 7/32*	(96 13/32)
Yield	6.80%*	(6.78%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 3/16%	(6 1/4%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	111 1/8	(110 7/8)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6545*	(1.6637)
London:		
$	1.6538	(1.6637)
DM	2.7133	(2.7024)
FFr	9.1508	(9.1164)
SFr	2.3640	(2.3533)
Yen	196.60	(196.08)
£ Index	97.2	(96.9)

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London:		
DM	1.6375*	(1.6297)
FFr	5.5280*	(5.4960)
SFr	1.4285*	(1.4195)
Yen	118.95*	(117.92)
$ Index	100.9	(100.3)

Tokyo close Yen 118.72

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr)	$22.00	($22.05)

GOLD

London close	$351.15	($353.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Warning

Toyota may build a new car in Britain but warned Euro-sceptics not to upset investment plans by pushing Britain out of the European Union.
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Less room

David Michel, chief executive of the Stakis leisure company, forecast that hotel occupancy rates will rise this year to levels last seen in the 1980s boom. He expects occupancy in Stakis hotels, which include the Metropole chain, to reach 76 per cent.
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Irish income tax cut in giveaway Budget

By Audrey Magee and Eileen McCabe

RUAIRI QUINN, Finance Minister of the Irish Republic, yesterday cut income tax and social welfare contributions in a set of giveaway Budget proposals.

He reduced the lower 27 per cent tax rate by 1 per cent, widened the qualifying PAYE bands and increased other allowances in a move seen generally as a booster for John Bruton's coalition Government in the run up to a general election this year.

Opposition parties added their voices to the critics and accused the Government of jeopardising the economy for the sake of winning votes.

Mr Quinn rewarded Irish workers for the economic growth of the past three years, announcing the first tax cut since 1992. As well as reducing the standard rate he increased personal allowances and widened tax bands. He also cut social insurance contributions by a point to 4.5 per cent.

Together the measures will put an extra Ir£14 in the pocket of the average worker with four children. Single workers are set to gain about Ir£8 a week.

For the business community, Mr Quinn repeated last year's Budget cut to the standard rate of corporation tax, bringing it down a further 2 per cent to 36 per cent.

Welfare recipients received across-the-board increases and childrens' allowances were increased. Small farmers and young people moving into farming were given tax breaks worth about Ir£20 million.

Despite a Ir£650 million giveaway, Mr Quinn predicted that buoyant tax revenues would allow the government to record a current budget surplus of Ir£103 million in 1997.

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Scots pension funds chief dies, aged 52

DAVID BERRIDGE, a senior figure in the life insurance industry and chief executive of Scottish Equitable for the past 14 years, has died, aged 52, from a rare blood disorder (Paul Durman writes).

Mr Berridge was credited with turning Scottish Equitable into one of the leading companies in the pensions market. Yesterday, Scott Bell, group managing director of Standard Life, said: "He was a lovely fellow, unassuming and very able. He was much respected by his peers. He will be a sad loss for us all."

Scottish Equitable grew so rapidly that in 1993 it had to seek additional financial backing from Aegon, the Dutch insurance group that has pumped more than £600 million into the business. Mr Berridge was about to take on a wider role within Aegon when he became ill.

Horlick admits talks with rival

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

NICOLA HORLICK, the former Morgan Grenfell fund manager, yesterday confirmed that she had been in talks with a rival firm until several days before she was suspended.

Mrs Horlick, who wants to be reinstated in her old job managing the department that looked after £18 billion of UK pension fund assets or receive compensation for loss of office, said the talks with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, were of an "informal and preliminary nature".

She added that at no stage did she provide ABN Amro with confidential information about Morgan Grenfell's business or her colleagues.

Morgan Grenfell today concludes its internal investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mrs Horlick's suspension last week, followed two days later by her departure from the firm. The City fund management house, which says she resigned her job, has alleged that Mrs Horlick breached her contract by attempting to poach staff to join her at ABN Amro. It has taken statements from eight of her former colleagues.

Mrs Horlick, who was offered and accepted the post of managing director just days before her suspension, said of her discussions with ABN Amro: "The talks terminated several days before I was suspended. My aim was always to keep the clients and the team together for the benefit of all."

A spokesman for ABN Amro said: "We have said all we want to say on this matter despite the fact that other people add new information."

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Billionaire buys 25% stake in Rangers

By Jason Nisse

JOSEPH LEWIS, the reclusive billionaire based in the Bahamas, has bought a 25 per cent stake in Rangers in a deal which values the Scottish Premiership leaders at £160 million.

David Murray, the Edinburgh property developer who bought control of Rangers for £6 million in 1988, will have his holding diluted to 61 per cent. The profit on Mr Murray's investment totals more than £90 million. The money is to be used to build a 150-bedroom hotel at Ibrox stadium, together with leisure facilities and to pay off debts. Rangers had a turnover of £30.1 million last season and the club made operating profits, before interest and player purchases, of £7.1 million.

Mr Lewis is a currency trader and former caterer who also owns a 28 per cent stake in Christie's International. He is a keen golfer, backgammon player and follower of racing, but has shown no previous interest in football despite a friendship with Dermot Desmond, one of the leading shareholders in Celtic, arch rivals of Rangers in Glasgow.

A spokesman said: "Mr Lewis will not play an active role at Rangers. His interest has been to finance the deal."

Mr Murray said the deal would give Rangers enough finance to carry it though to a possible float in two or three years' time. Mr Lewis's stake will be offered under option to English National Investment Company, an investment trust he controls. Mr Murray is to take a stake in ENIC and Daniel Levy and Howard Stanton, two of the trust's directors, are to join the board of Rangers.

Jointly, ENIC and Mr Murray will then look for other investment opportunities in sport and leisure.

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Channel guidelines win BBC backing

By Oliver August

THE BBC has thrown its weight behind guidelines by Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, to protect its programming against an onslaught of 200 new digital channels to be launched this year.

The guidelines, the first compiled by Oftel which is normally responsible for the telephony market, will regulate operations of the computer menu which allows viewers to choose service providers.

Patricia Hodgson, BBC director of policy and planning, said: "The BBC welcomes Oftel's role as a tough and proven regulator with a brief to ensure fair competition. Their document asks the right questions. The answers will decide how 22 million households will get television and interactive services in the digital age."

BSkyB, owned 40 per cent by News International, which owns *The Times*, plans to launch digital satellite services offering up to 200 channels into Britain this autumn.

A terrestrial version, which can be received on conventional aerials and will offer around 35 channels, is expected to begin in mid-1998.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.07
Austria Sch	20.00	18.50
Belgium Fr	58.67	54.37
Canada $	2.324	2.164
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.840	0.785
Denmark Kr .	10.88	10.08
Finland Mkk ..	8.49	7.84
France Fr	9.52	8.87
Germany Dm .	2.86	2.65
Greece Dr	437	412
Hong Kong $	13.46	12.46
Iceland	120	100
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Israel Shk	5.75	5.10
Italy Lira	2732	2577
Japan Yen	210.90	194.90
Malta	0.657	0.602
Netherlds Gld	3.186	2.956
New Zealand $	2.50	2.28
Norway Kr	11.29	10.49
Portugal Esc ..	280.00	261.50
S Africa Rd	8.28	7.48
Spain Pta . .	233.00	220.00
Sweden Kr ..	12.40	11.60
Switzerland Fr	2.48	2.30
Turkey Lira	197500	185500
USA $	1.757	1.627

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Toyota jobs depend on Euro-sceptics stance

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Editor

TOYOTA could build a new car in Britain but warned Euro-sceptics not to upset investment plans that would mean hundreds of new jobs by pushing Britain out of the European Union.

The company's plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, is favourite to win millions of pounds of investment as Japan's biggest carmaker investigates ways to make more cars in Europe.

The company wants to make 60 per cent of the cars it sells in Europe inside the community, which would mean production of about 300,000 cars-a-year by the turn of the century.

Burnaston is the obvious site for expansion, already earmarked for a doubling of production from 117,000 cars last year to more than 200,000 when a new Corolla model is added to the current Carina E mid-range car already made at the factory.

However, the company needs to build a new mini-model to compete in the fastest growing segment of the European market, such as the Ford Ka, Vauxhall Corsa, Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen Polo.

Alan Marsh, vice-chairman of Toyota Motor Europe, said yesterday that no decision on a third model for Burnaston had been made yet. However, he said that the company was worried by the friction in the Government about the future of Britain's role in Europe and gave a warning that a move to leave the European Union could have serious consequences for future investment.

Mr Marsh said: "About 75 per cent of production at Burnaston is exported and it would be of great concern to Toyota if the UK found itself excluded from the European Union."

If Euro-sceptics forced the Government into a referendum, Mr Marsh said, a misinformed public could vote to leave Europe, which would have "serious consequences for Toyota in the UK".

Like Nissan, which yesterday said it was investing more than £200 million to make a third model at its base in Washington, Tyne and Wear, Toyota wants more European production and is prepared to invest heavily in the UK.

Toyota's European sales grew 7 per cent last year to 450,000 vehicles, although the target is 600,000 in the next century. However, opposition to Europe in Britain might convince Toyota to study setting up plants in Eastern Europe or Spain.

A decision to build more cars at Burnaston would be a boon for British exports and component makers. Toyota already plans to spend about £800 million a year with European suppliers from 1998 — half with British companies.

Eurocopter opts for full integration

By Oliver August

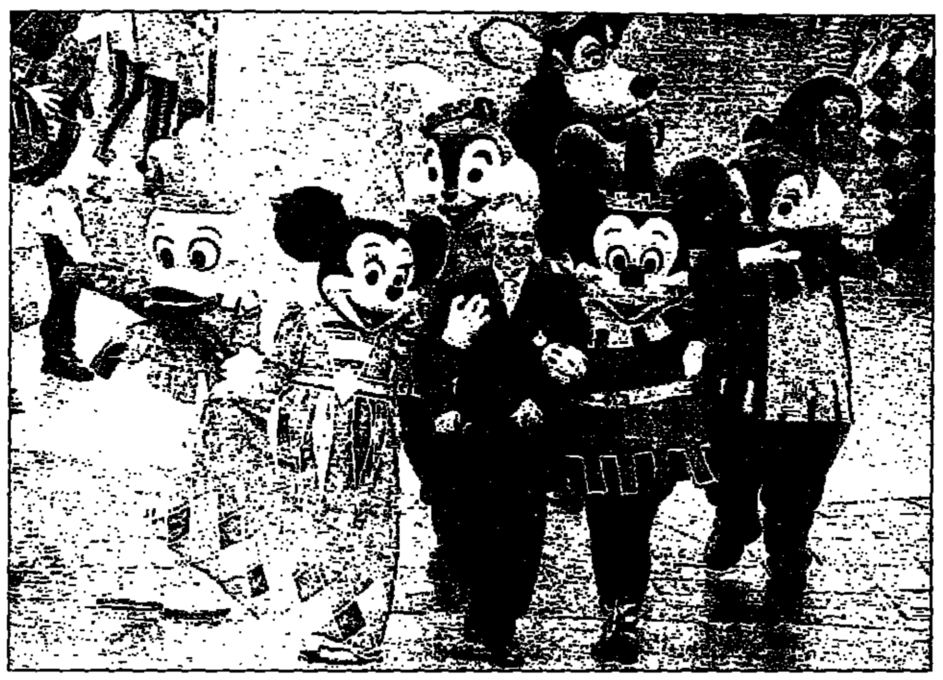
CONSOLIDATION in the European aerospace industry will reach another milestone this year with the full integration of Eurocopter, the helicopter consortium that is 70 per cent owned by Aérospatiale of France and 30 per cent by Dasa of Germany.

Eurocopter said that its constituent companies would be merged and a single management structure created.

A spokesman said: "All Eurocopter directors will exercise their functions across the board at both entities. The two entities will form a coherent, integrated unit while enabling national identities to be retained."

Eurocopter executives felt it necessary to establish a dual identity to maintain ties with the French and the German governments. Consolidation will also improve efficiency, marketing and financing.

However, relations with the French are strained. Eurocopter is seeking Fr700 million in late payments for development of the NH90 military aircraft. The matter stems from a French decision to delay until 2010 deliveries of the NH90's tactical transport version for the army, the consortium said.



Philippe Bourguignon with Disney characters that are helping to attract the tourists

Lift for Euro Disney

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES of Euro Disney, the theme park company, rose in both London and Paris yesterday after the company unveiled a healthy increase in first-quarter revenue.

Euro Disney achieved a 11.7 per cent increase in revenues to Fr1.1 billion as attendances and spend per head continued to rise. Last year 11.7 million visitors were attracted to the theme park just outside Paris.

The company said that it had improved its exploitation of low-season visits to lift revenue, but cautioned that profits may be held back by a commitment to keep park prices at 1996 levels and another increase in finance charges.

Philippe Bourguignon, chairman and chief executive, said that finance charges will rise by an extra Fr200 million this year after the end of a debt holiday period. A further Fr100 million will become due in 1998.

In France the shares rose 7 per cent to Fr11.1, while in London the shares closed up 2½p at 118½p.

Car cover to rise as insurers feel cold

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

MOTOR rates are set to rise by an average 8 per cent this year as insurers resist writing business at a loss.

Premiums across the industry have already risen around 5 per cent, and are likely to go up again in the spring. Privilege Insurance, sister company of Direct Line, the telephone insurer, has already lifted its average rate by three per cent, and says this figure is below the industry average.

The Association of British Insurers, the industry trade body, expects rates to rise this year. It said premiums for both motor and household are currently "as low as they can go". A large number of accidents caused by the recent big freeze have led to a rush of claims, the ABI says.

Neil Utley, Privilege chief executive, said some insurers made selected increases of up to 10 per cent at the end of last year. He said: "Insurers are really feeling the pain. For the first time in 18 months they are having to buck the trend of the downward cycle and put up prices." He believes competition is so fierce, that by the end of the decade fewer than 50 players — half the current number — in the insurance market will be operating.

He said: "Eventually, business sense will take over from the anxiety to retain customers and some players will decide it is not worth continuing."

David Lennan, head of NatWest Insurance Services, also predicted a rise in motor rates.

He said: "There has been tremendous competition in the industry which has driven rates down. However, the cost of acquiring new business is high and insurers have to pay for newspaper and television advertising if they want to increase market share. These high costs are going to be unsustainable in the long run."

He believes some of the smaller insurers are beginning to feel that there is not really enough money to be made in such a competitive market. He added that rates are likely to rise at times when people start to look for new cars: January, spring and August.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chancellor opposes EU 'tax on banks'

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, opposes plans by European economists to impose what he calls a "tax" on banks of countries who move to the single currency. Mr Clarke says there are "significant disadvantages" to the proposal, under which banks of the EU member states involved would have to hold minimum reserves in euros, thereby tying up valuable funds. Requiring banks and credit institutions to hold large amounts would be used by the European Central Bank (ECB) as a tool to control interest rates, via a single monetary policy.

The Bank of England backs Mr Clarke's opposition to the proposals, which he says would amount to a "tax on business".

Burns loses PIA appeal

BURNS Anderson Independent Network, one of the UK's biggest financial advisers, has lost a challenge in the Court of Appeal against the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), its regulator. The network sought a judicial review of the PIA and the PIA ombudsman over claims for compensation from investors with Steeds, one of its former member firms, for losses totalling £5 million. The ombudsman found there could be a case for the network to answer.

Boost for Thorntons

NEW-LOOK shops helped Thorntons, the confectionery company, to a big upswing in sales over the Christmas period. In the seven weeks to December 28, group sales, including new shops, rose 25.7 per cent. Excluding new shops, sales were 10.6 per cent ahead on Christmas the previous year. In the first half, in which like-for-like sales were up 13.2 per cent, 63 shops were refitted and 51 were opened, including 18 that were moved to new sites.

US home starts slow

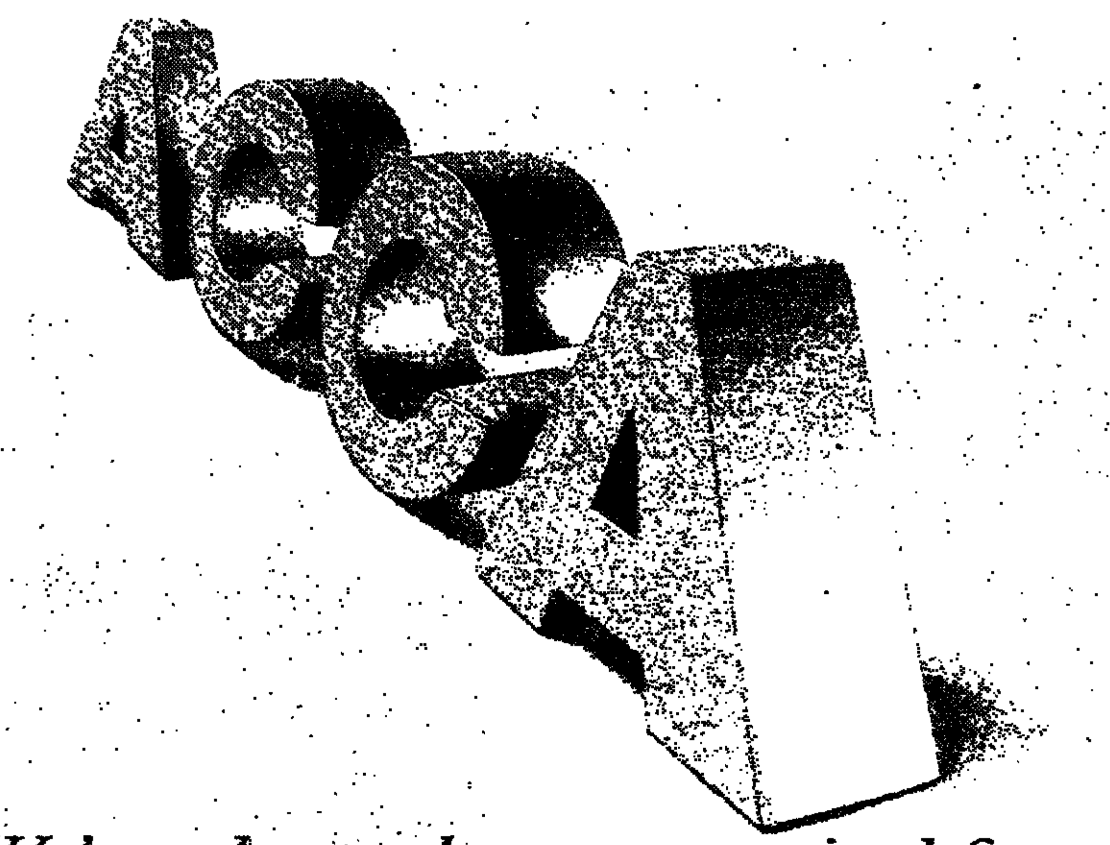
AMERICA'S Commerce Department said starts on new homes and apartments declined sharply in December to the slowest rate in 1½ years. Total starts fell 12.2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.329 million, the weakest building rate since 1.301 million in June 1995. Despite the drop, which was precipitated by severe weather, construction for all of 1996 was strong. The total 1.474 million homes started was the briskest building rate in eight years, since construction was started on 1.488 million homes in 1988.

New business up at CU

SUCCESS in selling pensions and a new corporate bond personal equity plan helped to push up Commercial Union's new UK business by 23 per cent to £49 million last year. Worldwide, new business increased by 25 per cent to £2.9 billion and there was growth in single premium sales to £2.4 billion, a rise of 20 per cent. In The Netherlands, Delta Lloyd's single premium sales were 47 per cent higher, with pensions substantially higher.

Multimedia expansion

NEWS MULTIMEDIA, award-winning CD-Rom publishing arm of News International, owner of *The Times*, is to concentrate on rapidly expanding online activities. Richard Withey, director of new media at News International, said: "Now that we have concentrated our efforts on the online market, we will be able to reach those consumers who want to buy our content in an interactive format, but who do not wish to invest in CD-Rom." New products will be aimed at Internet users.



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□ More ammunition for the Chancellor □ Littlechild surprises us all, again □ American banks take a shine to Europe

Shop till you stop

□ IT IS now plainly wrong to talk about a high street boom, runaway consumer spending or pressure on inflation. The latest retail sales figures should be the last proof that fears of a return to the late 1980s are unjustified.

They paint an even more subdued figure than has emerged from the British Retail Consortium, the CBI and those of their members that have given us their recent thoughts on Christmas trading.

Such monthly figures may be an unreliable guide to longer-term trends. But data from the retailers are equally skewed. Any company with a share price quote has a vested interest in emphasising the positive; for those, such as Sears and House of Fraser, with institutional investors fast losing patience, that tendency towards optimism becomes a matter of survival.

By contrast the detail in the retail sales numbers makes it clear that no matter how many goods walked out of the shops in December, the public was not inclined to pay too much for them. The worst fall in volume was for clothing and footwear, down 4.6 per cent since November. Prices in that sector were off 0.2 per cent, which means the retailers actually cut their prices ahead of the Christmas rush.

These were areas where they had been trying to push these up over the autumn, and consumers' subsequent resistance suggests there are more price falls to come in the early months of this year.

The data had analysts scaling back their estimates of next Monday's fourth quarter GDP figures, the last significant set of numbers for 1996. James Capel is looking for 0.5 per cent, or a modest 2 per cent annualised, which suggests a slowdown in the economy in the last three months of the year. It is also, more signficantly, below the level at which economists are technically required to worry about inflation.

If the figures come in here or only a little higher, Kenneth Clarke will have his final piece of ammunition against pressure from the Bank for higher base rates. While the latter will worry about house prices, car sales and other warning signs, the Chancellor will be able to point to an economy showing modest, long-term, sustainable growth.

This should virtually rule out a further rise in base rates in February, and March will be too close to the election for one to be even considered. There is one more paradoxical argument in Mr Clarke's favour, and that is yesterday's sterling strength, nothing to do with domestic trends but merely shadowing a resurgent dollar.

But it is the opposite of what the pound should have done if, as the market believes, base rates are less likely to rise. Expect complaints to grow in coming months about the high pound as it impinges on company trading statements. If sterling cannot be persuaded to behave itself when rates are on hold, what is the political damage if rate rises push it even higher?

And now, a spanner in Labour's works

□ STEPHEN LITTLECHILD has become adept at throwing spanners in works; accidentally and unintentionally, most likely, but they've still been hurled.

Gordon Brown, as he crafts the windfall tax on the utilities, the cornerstone of his revenue raising strategy, must wonder at the damage the good professor may inflict on his plans. Slapping a windfall tax on the privatised utilities is a clear political winner with most consumers of gas, electricity and water. Not, however, if it squeezes prices higher.

Such was the prospect raised at the Trade and Industry Committee when the electricity regulator said he would listen to any pleas of companies hit by the windfall tax if they complained it left them so financially strapped they were unable to meet their licence obligations. He could bear such squeals in mind for a subsequent price review and could amend arrangements accordingly. This could mean slacker controls and, to you and me, higher prices.

PENNINGTON

The queue of companies keen to bend his ear on the horrors of the windfall tax is forming already. They must have thought they had precious few allies against Labour's plans.

To the Government, his surprises are usually unwelcome and appear at particularly sensitive times. This is the man who turned the secondary sale of the generators' shares into a political disaster by announcing an unprecedented reopening of the distribution price review — a move that knocked millions off share prices. It also gave rise to grumbles from American buyers about perfidious and unstable Albion, although this does not seem to have kept them away from the subsequent car boot sale of the distributors.

Ahead of the British Energy float it emerged that the professor had been gagged and was unable to make any statements likely to affect valuation of the nuclear generator for a certain period. He then demanded that Scottish generators cut their prices — a move that sent them screaming that they would try to pull out of their lock-in deals with Scottish Nuclear. A very definite price-sensitive threat. Now the curse of the professor looms again — for Labour.

Overpaid and over here?

□ THE Americans are coming, and the British are happy to let them in, as long as they stay away from these borders. Of the top ten merchant banks involved in cross-border European deals in 1996, by value of transactions undertaken, six were American.

In 1995 that number was four. Firms such as JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley are taking a greater share of cross-border work. Only one truly British bank, NM Rothschild, made the top ten, even if the list was led by one other with British connections, Lazards.

The table is courtesy of *Acquisitions Monthly*. The US has a stranglehold on European cross-border work, says Philip Healey, the publication's editor, because the British and integrated European banks seem happy to let this market share build up. This is assuming, in the case of the Brits, that the Americans stay off their territory, because British banks had a remarkably good year in their domestic market in 1996.

The Americans have achieved some of their success by waving huge salary cheques around. JP Morgan and Merrill Lynch, two new entrants last year and in fifth and sixth places respectively, have invested heavily in European high-flyers.

It seems you can buy yourself market share, in merchant banking as in any other field of business. The Americans European focus might turn out to be a wise one. British M&A work is expected to fall; but the banks pan-European workload will continue to climb. The current state of the French and German economies, and the need to impose market disciplines on industries that currently lack them, will see to that.

Market force

□ MARKETING directors tend to be bright young chaps in striped shirts, who dash around with clipboards. They tend not, on the whole, to be 61-year-old retired Tory MPs. How refreshing to see that this is GEC's notion of new blood, as the company appoints Sir Geoffrey Pattie to the post.

Stakis chief forecasts 'Eighties' hotel boom

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

DAVID MICHEL, chief executive of Stakis, the leisure company, predicted yesterday that hotel occupancy rates this year will touch levels last seen in the 1980s boom.

Mr Michel forecast that occupancy levels in Stakis's hotels division, which includes the recently acquired Metropole chain, could reach 76 per cent this year, while room rates should rise by around 7.5 per cent.

Stakis said yesterday that occupancy rates, excluding the Metropole hotels, had fallen from 72 per cent to 71.8 per cent in the first quarter of the year due to the temporary closure of its Tyneside hotel for refurbishment work. The average room rate increased by 10 per cent to £50.10. Food and beverage sales at the hotels rose by 9 per cent on a like-for-like basis, while total turnover rose 14 per cent to £40 million.

The Metropole chain recorded an occupancy rate of 64.7 per cent and an average room rate of £64.77 in the first six weeks under Stakis's control, which the company said was ahead of last year.

Stakis also yesterday received formal clearance from Ian Lang, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for the £327 million purchase of the chain from Lonrho.

The casino division also showed a marked improvement in first-quarter trading with turnover rising by 20 per cent to £14.2 million on a like-for-like basis. Attendances jumped 17 per cent although the average spend per head fell slightly, due to the sale of the up-market Barracuda.

Stakis said it would continue to improve the performance of the division and was also hopeful of adding new sites, including a larger one in Edinburgh.

Mr Michel was encouraged by the increased casino attendance. "More people realise that they are a reasonable night out. You don't have to spend £100," he said.

"We have spent a year trying to make them do so, we've made a number of conversions, one big new build, and promotions to our base membership of 900,000, and we have introduced new training tables."

The company said that it had completed the integration of the LivingWell health clubs into its new health and leisure division. The clubs have around 24,000 members.

Stuart Broster has been appointed managing director of the division. Stakis purchased the seven-strong LivingWell chain for £20 million last year with the aim of rebranding its 21 existing hotel health and fitness clubs.

Shares in the company closed up 3½p at 105p compared with the rights issue price of 82p. Stakis made the £227 million rights issue to fund the Metropole acquisition in November.

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Cadbury gets sale go-ahead

THE EUROPEAN Commission gave full approval yesterday for the £623 million sale of Cadbury Schweppes's stake in a UK bottling company to Coca-Cola Enterprises (Alasdair Murray writes).

The Commission had been investigating the competition consequences of Cadbury's disposal of its 51 per cent stake in Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages. Coca-Cola Enterprises (CCE) is 43 per cent owned by Coca-Cola Company which is also selling its 49 per cent stake in the bottling company to CCE. The Commission ruled the merger would not strengthen Coca-Cola's position. Dominic Cadbury, Cadbury Schweppes chairman, said funds tied up with bottling could be diverted to boost the company's brand portfolio.

Young says final word on air alliance is with UK

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE jurisdictional dispute over the proposed British Airways transatlantic link-up continued yesterday, with both Brussels and London insisting they would have the final say. Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, told MPs that the final word rested with the UK, as Brussels repeated its threat to refer the affair to the European Court of Justice.

Sir George said the UK competition authorities alone had the power to investigate and approve the proposed alliance between BA and American Airlines. He criticised the European Commission for interfering when he said it should have investigated subsidies being paid to other European airlines.

Sir George said the Italian Government had just paid out £1.2 billion to Alitalia, while

Young: standing firm

UK-based airlines received no subsidies. Other European alliances with US airlines had, he said, "presented a competitive challenge to UK airlines", and had spurred plans for a BA-American link-up.

The subject was raised by Sir Peter Fry, the Conservative MP.

He said BA faced a potential windfall of £500 million from the sale of slots, based on an estimated value of £3 million each. The Office of Fair Trading has indicated that BA should give up 168 slots at Heathrow for the alliance to proceed. Rivals say the measures do not go far enough.

In Brussels, Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, reiterated his threat to take the matter to court if European competition concerns were not addressed. He said: "If our competition concerns are not met — and selling slots is not the appropriate answer, far from it — then we have to take it to court."

The OFT is considering responses to its initial conditions for approving the BA-American alliance. The next round of "open skies" talks between Britain and America opens in Washington on February 4.

JD Sports to open shops in retail parks

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

JD SPORTS, the sports goods retailer that was launched on the stock market in October, is planning to open its first shops at out-of-town retail warehouse parks.

Its current 73 shops are concentrated on main high streets and at out-of-town shopping centres. It will open its first shed-style outlet at Fort Dunlop near Birmingham in the spring. It is then looking to open at similar parks near Southampton, Middlesborough and Edinburgh.

The company yesterday revealed maiden interim results in line with expectations. Its pre-tax profit after exceptional items in the six months to September 30 was £4.35 million (£3.57 million). Earnings per share were 6.75p (5.47p) but, as forecast in the prospectus, there is no interim dividend. The company said it expects to pay a final dividend once full-year earnings are known.

John Wardle, chairman, said the company would not be affected by a new Office of Fair Trading campaign to get retailers to blow the whistle on suppliers who have prevented them from discounting.

There was some disappointment with the most recent trading figures that show like-for-like sales in the 13 weeks to the end of December up 9 per cent, compared with 19 per cent growth in the first half.

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PETER TREVNOR

James Watson, left, and Colin Glass, chief executive

Watson has 500 more Alldays outlets in store

WATSON & PHILIP revealed plans to open 500 Alldays convenience stores in the next three years, bringing the total number to more than 1,000 (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The company's 526 stores are mainly in the south of England and Scotland, but it is now looking to open in the Midlands and the North. It will soon open its first store near London, at Kingston-on-Thames. The shares — in decline since a profit warning in October — climbed 50p to 392½p after Watson & Philip reported results at the top end of expectations.

Pre-tax profit in the year ended October 27 was £18.8 million (£18.5 million). A 12.2p final dividend lifts the total payout to 17.5p (16.5p), payable on February 28.

Colin Glass, chief executive, said Alldays' like-for-like sales were 2.4 per cent better.

Regulator warns over electricity price rises

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE spectre of electricity price rises stemming from a Labour government's windfall tax emerged yesterday as MPs quizzed the industry's regulator on how he would treat affected companies (See Pennington, this page).

In a veiled warning that Labour would face curbs on the amount of tax it could levy because it would have to consider the companies' abilities to meet their licence obligations, Stephen Littlechild said he would listen to company appeals. He told the Trade and Industry Select Committee that such appeals could be taken into account for future pricing arrangements.

Electricity companies are likely to use the windfall tax as a strong argument for leniency over pricing curbs imposed by the regulator.

But Professor Littlechild told the inquiry into energy regulation that before any move on pricing mechanisms he would have "to be persuaded that they couldn't afford to finance their activities".

The Government would, however, be able to halt such action by the regulator if it were done through special agreements with companies or via a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Then the Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry would be able to intervene.

Portman stands by small savers

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE Portman Building Society disclosed yesterday that it had considered raising the minimum opening balance for share accounts to deter thousands of carpetbaggers.

However, Ken Culley, chief executive, said that he had decided to continue offering a service to small savers with a minimum balance of £100.

"We are commited to mutuality and we are not for sale," he said, as he unveiled a slight drop in pre-tax profits for the 12 months to December 31.

On Tuesday, the Britannia, another mutual building society, suspended the opening of instant access accounts to deter windfall speculators.

Mr Culley said that speculative savers in the Portman had caused a sevenfold increase in the number of new accounts and that last year the society opened a net 150,000 new accounts, bringing its total to 800,000.

He predicted that mutuals would win back market share of retail savings and mortgages from the banks because of better savings and borrowing rates.

His forecast accompanied news of a decline in pre-tax profits, from £36 million to £34.3 million for the full year. The results revealed a 48 per cent leap in gross mortgage lending last year, to £829 million, with net lending up 58 per cent, to £451 million.

Mr Culley said that the market was extremely competitive and the results had been achieved against the background of huge changes in the financial services industry.

Net retail receipts leapt 96 per cent, to £321 million, while arrears fell by 44 per cent and the number of repossessed properties by 59 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Tate & Lyle shares dip on day of record rises

GROWING fears about falling profits at Staley, the US division of **Tate & Lyle**, left a sour taste in investors' mouths after Tate & Lyle shares lost 15p at 452p.

The loss was prompted by the recent drop in the price of high fructose corn syrup, of which Staley is a major producer. The syrup is mainly used as a sugar substitute in food and soft drinks and during the past year prices are thought to have fallen by 25 per cent.

According to Kleinwort Benson, the broker, reports from the US suggest prices are a lot lower than originally imagined. T&L has been negotiating with the major soft drink producers over price for several months. If it continues to soften, brokers say, it could adversely affect profits at Staley. In heavy trading a total of 4.5 million Tate & Lyle shares had changed hands by the close.

By contrast the rest of the equity market continued to hit new highs, encouraged by the drop in December retail sales. Brokers said this provided further evidence that inflationary pressures have subsided, justifying last week's decision by the Chancellor to peg interest rates at 6 per cent, despite contrary calls from the Governor of the Bank of England.

This, combined with another record-breaking run overnight on Wall Street, enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reach a new intra-day high of 4,227.5. Profit-taking and a 60-point fall by the Dow Jones industrial average during the first hour of trading yesterday saw the market come off the boil. It finished 23.6 up at a new closing high of 4,219.1. Once again turnover topped more than a billion shares.

Marks & Spencer reacted badly to news of the drop in retail sales with the price losing 4½p at 488p ahead of its expected trading statement. There were also losses for **Kingfisher**, 6½p to 663p, **Dixons**, 3p to 507p, **Country Casuals**, 4p to 82½p, **John Menzies**, 10p to 470p, **JJB Sports**, 5p to 279p, and **Next**, 10p to 559p.

Brokers responded positively to an upbeat trading statement from **Thorntons**, the confectioner, with the price ending 3½p firmer at 218½p. Like-for-like sales in the run-up to Christmas were almost 11 per cent higher with total sales, including those of new stores, up 26 per cent.

The drop in retail sales trimmed M&S shares by 4½p

Hanson continued to make up lost ground with a rise of 1¾p to 93½p ahead of next month's demerger of its energy division. Yesterday Andrew Dougall, the new chief executive, painted an upbeat picture of prospects for the group at a building conference arranged by BZW. Hanson has risen sharply in the past week, fuelled initially by US buying of the shares in the form of American Depository Receipts. Now both ABN Amro Hoare Govett and MeesPierson are claiming the shares are undervalued.

A sharp overnight rise in shares of Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, prompted a speculative mark-up in **Zeneca** of 30p to £16.72½. Roche continues to be tipped as a potential bidder for Zeneca, but later denied reports that its own shares were about to be suspended. Brokers say the group is planning a restructuring of one of its divisions, which it is claimed could generate capital to make acquisitions.

The support for Zeneca also boiled over into **SmithKline Beecham**, up 22½p at 843½p.

Vodafone continued to benefit from this week's news that overseas subscribers had topped the million mark with the price adding 15½p at 276½p. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, is urging clients to buy, while Merrill Lynch is reckoned to have raised its target price for the shares to 300p. The buyers also came in for **Orange**, up 8½p at 206p, and **Securicor**, 9½p better at 286½p, which owns 50 per cent of Cellnet.

Eurotunnel firmed another 2½p to 86½p in response to this week's sales numbers. The group is talking to the consortium of 225 banks about extending the deadline on the problem of refinancing.

Note the strength of **Alexanders Holdings**, the motor distributor, where the price of the ordinary shares jumped 3½p to a new high of 18½p, while the "A" rose 2½p to 18p. Once again there is talk of a possible bid for the Scottish company, although with the family continuing to control most of the shares an aggressive bid appears out of the question. A predator would probably have to offer at least 30p a share, valuing the company at around £12 million.

Coats Viyella remained a weak market, losing 4p at 131p as several large lines of stock went through at a hefty discount to the ruling price. Only last week the shares touched 138p on renewed institutional buying. Having fallen from a peak of 207p last year after a profits warning, some brokers have been looking at the group's attractive rating and claim the selling has been overdone.

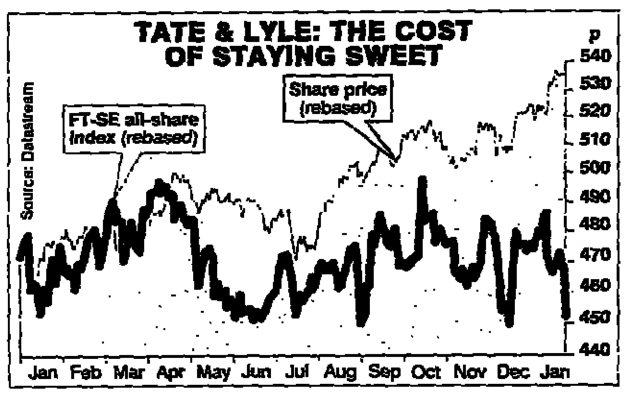
Profit-taking left **Jacques Vert** 8p cheaper at 45½p. The shares rose sharply on Tuesday, after Littlewoods Home Shopping took a near 30 per cent stake and the group announced details of a proposed restructuring and fund raising exercise.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A strong performance overnight by US Treasury bonds and December's 0.8 per cent drop in retail sales provided the market with just the start it needed. The apparent absence of inflationary pressures is seen as positive right the way along the yield curve and enabled London to close the gap on German bunds.

The March series of the long gilt climbed £¾ to finish at £111⅝ as the number of contracts soared to 113,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 jumped £23/32 to £104⅝, while at the short end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅜ better at £103 25/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** An earnings-driven sell-off of shares in IBM kept the Dow Jones industrial average pinned lower and by midday it was 65.04 points lower at 6,818.86.

T&N fell 7½p to 164p. Trading conditions in the motor industry and currency fluctuations are taking their toll. HSBC James Capel, the broker, is said to have cut its forecast for 1997 to £145 million and £155 million for 1998. SBC Warburg is reckoned to have cut its numbers to £140 million and £150 million.



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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	6818.86 (-65.04)
S&P Composite	782.13 (-0.59)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18013.88 (+655.72)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	13692.79 (-40.00)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	661.28 (+8.96)
Sydney:	
AO	2433.5 (+3.2)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3028.67 (+51.96)
Singapore:	
Straits	2240.01 (-10.78)
Brussels:	
General	11306.46 (+107.31)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2442.46 (+32.58)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	890.60 (+13.70)
London:	
FT 30	2842.5 (+15.3)
FT 100	4219.1 (+23.6)
FTSE Mid 250	4587.0 (+16.9)
FTSE 350	2092.5 (+10.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2047.54 (+30.33)
FT All-Share	2065.27 (+10.10)
FT Non Financials	2123.74 (+12.04)
FT Fixed Interest	117.80 (+0.35)
FT Govt Secs	95.35 (+0.60)
Bargains	47426
SEAQ Volume	1010.0m
US$	1.6539 (-0.0083)
German Mark	2.7142 (+0.0136)
Exchange Index	97.2 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.3902
£:SDR	1.1787
RPI	154.4 Dec (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	154.2 Dec (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aquarius	174½	...	
BZW Endowment Red	56¼	+	¼
Cadcentre	267½	...	
Enterprise Vent Cap	89½	...	
Epicore Network	55	...	
GB Railways	256½	-	5½
Hardy Underwrtg	170	...	
Netcall	45½	...	
Oxford Biomedica	57½	...	
Parkwood Holdings	74½	...	
Pilat Technologies	57½	-	2
Sheffield United	104½	+	2
Sunderland	742½	-	10
Sutton Harbour	133½	+	1½
Wst Brom Albion	£235	...	

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Compel n/p (160)	3½	...	
Hall Eng n/p (250)	15½	...	
Pressac n/p (180)	53	-	3½
Prism Rail n/p (330)	220	...	
Shaftesbury n/p (137)	25	+	½
Wickes n/p (150)	16½	+	5

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Watson & Philip	392½p (+50p)
Ferraris Group	143½p (+9p)
BS Group	165p (+10p)
Xenova	240p (+13½p)
Eurodis Elec	197½p (+9p)
Allied Irish	415p (+17½p)
Orange	206p (+8½p)
Estates Agency	375p (+15p)
Barratt Devs	285½p (+9½p)
Peel	528½p (+16p)
SmithKline	843½p (+22½p)
Black (A&C)	385p (+10p)
Go-Ahead	497½p (+12½p)
Securicor	286½p (+9½p)
Vanguard	566p (+18½p)
FALLS:	
Mentmore Abbey	55p (-28½p)
ML Labs	222½p (-20p)
Ferguson Intl	207½p (-12½p)
Scotia	690p (-30p)
FS Cons	424½p (-15½p)
Jones Stroud	360p (-12½p)
Millennium & Cop	361½p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

A punt on the pound

THE Irish stock market was a lot more interested in a big American acquisition by AIB, the banking group, than Finance Minister Ruairi Quinn's budget. Most of the numbers had been leaked and the Irish Government is in the pleasant position of having to decide how much to give to taxpayers rather than how much to take. Politicians will carp about a vote-grabbing budget (an election is expected in the spring) but Mr Quinn has kept something back. After taking a penny off income tax and two points off corporation tax, the government borrowing will represent 1.5 per cent of GDP, well within the Maastricht limit of 3 per cent.

Ireland's magical combination of high growth rates and low inflation have helped to create the current account surplus that was dished out to voters yesterday. Worries about how long it may continue remain subdued but have not quite disappeared. High investment levels and a growing well-educated workforce should keep things bubbling. Inflationary influences are external, mainly due to exchange rates. In that respect, a strong UK pound is as much a worry for Ireland as a concern for British exporters.

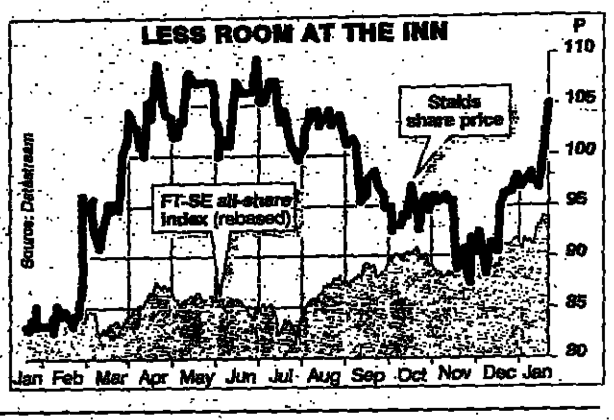
The Irish Government reaffirmed its commitment to sign up to EMU at the first opportunity. Support for the European Union is an article of faith in Dublin, a natural stance given that Brussels contributes some 5 per cent to Ireland's GDP. But economic success will inevitably lead to smaller Euro-remittances. Not all good things are priced in ecu; foreign investment comes in dollars and 30 per cent of trade is in sterling. If Britain snubs EMU, Ireland may have cause to worry.

Stakis

STAKIS took a calculated risk last year when it decided to revive its faltering casino division by selling the up-market Barracuda club in order to concentrate on lower spending punters in provincial clubs. Stakis hoped to end the volatility inherent in catering to high-rollers but left itself open to competition from rivals seeking to recover ground lost to the lottery.

Yesterday's impressive first-quarter revenues appears to vindicate the strategy. Spending per head fell because of the sale of the Barracuda, where the gamblers would part with an average of £450 per night. But the loss was more than made up for by a 17 per cent rise in attendances, led by the success of the new Glasgow River Boat club. This improvement comes before deregulation measures which should give a boost to the gaming industry. With more developments like the River Boat in the offing, casinos should no longer hold back group profits.

Hotels are also doing well, but yesterday's figures said little about the Metropole (the new chain only contributed six weeks of trading). There is a lingering concern that Stakis paid a high price for the hotels in an overheated market and investors will have to wait for a full report to assess its contribution to group earnings. On a forward earnings ratio of about 16 times Stakis will need to tell a good tale about the Metropole before the shares will go much higher.



JD Sports

BOX-FRESH trainers — preferably with a huge brand logo — set you apart from the crowd, if you are under 21. They will also set you or your parents back a pretty penny. You are unlikely to shop around. Prices don't change much, so you probably just head for your favourite shop.

The Office of Fair Trading this week asked sports goods retailers to report any attempt by manufacturers to prevent discounting. There have been cases, but they have mainly concerned equipment manufacturers. Sports fashion shops, like JD Sports, have no complaints about the manufacturers, in fact they love them. The manufacturers spend heavily on advertising, which helps to shift the goods, and retailers can sell products with gross margins as high as 50 per cent. In most cases the consumer is quite happy to pay a high price because he (it is usually he) recognises that the price confers as much status on the buyer as the brand itself. There is little doubt that a cosy relationship exists between manufacturers and retailers leading to high prices for sports fashion goods, but the OFT's sabre-rattling will do little to end it. The world is safe for JD Sports, although on a premium rating of around 24 times prospective earnings, investors could find better value from other sports goods retailers.

Burmah Castrol

AS EACH day goes by another company is put on the rack of the strengthening pound. The process started last year, initially hitting commodity-based companies, such as ICI and British Steel, which sell products priced in dollars or marks. Since the beginning of the year, however, Burmah Castrol has been feeling the heat from a higher pound; its shares have fallen from 8 per cent and yesterday, as sterling enjoyed a slavish boost from a stronger dollar, Burmah fell again, to 1,024p.

None of this should be entirely surprising. Burmah earns almost all of its profit outside the UK. In fact, the company records a loss in this country as it loads its entire central overhead on the UK operations, including the huge promotional and marketing budget for the Castrol brand. As a result, Burmah's earnings are almost entirely translated from foreign currencies and the biggest exposure is to the dollar and the mark.

The sluggish German economy was already keeping the lid on growth for Burmah in Europe; a stronger pound will weaken the German profit contribution. The City is expecting a 10 per cent hit to profits from currency translation — if exchange rates remain at these levels.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Mar	974-973	May	976 BID
May	898-897	Jul	991-999
Jul	916-915	Sep	1005-1000
Sep	933 SLR	Dec	1019-1015
Dec	947-946		
Mar	962 SLR		Volume 6702

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1543-1540	Sep	1520-1515
Mar	1545 SLR	Nov	[illegible]
May	1535-1530	Jan	[illegible]
Jul	1532-1525		Volume [illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	[illegible]
Spot: [illegible]		Dec	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]	Mar	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
Aug	[illegible]		Volume [illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eng/Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.90	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	22.45	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Apr)	22.00	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	24.10	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	23.60	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	217 (+2)	219 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	215 (+1)	217 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (n/c)	100 (+1)
Naphtha	221 (n/c)	223 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	203.00-03.25	May	189.25-89.50
Mar	200.00-00.25	Jun	185.50-85.75
Apr	193.75-94.00		Vol: 20300

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	22.57-22.59	Jun	21.53 BID
Apr	22.13-22.16	Jul	20.90 BID
May	21.73-21.76		Vol: 30770

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	89.35	Jan	90.50
Mar	91.25	Mar	91.50
May	93.25	May	91.25
Jul	95.15	Sep	90.00
Sep	90.15	Nov	92.00
Volume [illegible]		Volume 74	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	52.0
Apr	77.0	56.1
May	62.5	62.5
		Volume 69

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb [illegible]

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 97	1420	1390	1395
Feb 97	1360	1350	1360
Mar 97	1435	[illegible]	1430
Apr 97	1435	1425	1435

Vol: [illegible] lots Open interest: 3042

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2515.5-2517.5	2254.0-2255.0	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	15170
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	214250
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 65988	Mar 97	4220.0	4237.0	4205.0	4227.0	14230
	Jun 97	4240.0	4240.0	4240.0	4247.0	50
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 5762	Mar 97				4632.0	0
	Jun 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 424200	Mar 97	93.61	93.69	93.60	93.67	29802
	Jun 97	93.36	93.47	93.35	93.45	39419
	Sep 97	93.10	93.25	93.10	93.21	36163
Three Mth Euro Yen	Jun 97				99.42	0
	Sep 97				99.31	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1159205	Mar 97	96.94	96.94	96.92	96.93	32987
	Jun 97	96.96	96.96	96.91	96.93	40204
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 165102	Mar 97	111-09	111-28	111-05	111-20	104490
	Jun 97	111-00	111-00	111-00	111-03	3
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 97	125.15	126.24	126.13	126.15	1380
	Jun 97	124.70	124.73	124.70	124.69	217
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 231870	Mar 97	101.76	101.92	101.52	101.60	223041
	Jun 97	100.88	100.90	100.78	100.70	756
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 32947	Mar 97	96.09	96.09	96.05	96.04	1890
	Jun 97	96.16	96.17	96.12	96.13	1431
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 76451	Mar 97	98.19	98.21	98.17	98.20	9597
	Jun 97	98.14	98.16	98.13	98.15	4497
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 113808	Mar 97	132.15	132.30	131.80	131.98	62094
	Jun 97	131.50	131.70	131.50	131.48	1774

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: *O/night high:* 6[illegible] *Low* 5[illegible] *Week fixed:* 6[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): *Buy: 2 mth* 6[illegible]; *3 mth* 6[illegible]. *Sell: 2 mth* 5[illegible]; *3 mth:* 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6[illegible] close 6[illegible]

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.34	n/a	5.42	5.54	5.80
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-3	3-3	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $351.50-351.90 **Close:** $350.90-351.40 **High:** $351.90-352.40
Low: $349.00-349.50 **AM:** $350.10 **PM:** $351.20

Krugerrand: $350.00-352.00 (£211.00-213.00)

Platinum: $356.75 (£215.50) **Silver:** $4.73 (£2.85) **Palladium:** $121.25 (£73.29)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for January 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.0459-3.0562	3.0456-3.0487	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	55.909-56.110	55.929-55.994	17-12pr	48-41pr
Copenhagen	10.324-10.372	10.337-10.346	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.0249-1.0271	1.0247-1.0266	6-2pr	12-6pr
Frankfurt	2.7122-2.7212	2.7122-2.7144	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	269.82-271.11	270.28-270.57	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Madrid	226.39-227.99	227.17-227.36	4-6ds	15-33ds
Milan	2634.4-2642.3	2637.3-2639.6	15-31ds	32-54ds
Montreal	2.2116-2.2175	2.2116-2.2135	0.62-0.57pr	1.18-1.10pr
New York	1.6534-1.6572	1.6534-1.6542	0.11-0.09pr	0.313-0.282pr
Oslo	10.727-10.839	10.825-10.833	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	9.1370-9.1760	9.1474-9.1543	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	11.764-11.945	11.815-11.831	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	196.47-197.12	196.47-196.73	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	19.075-19.140	19.079-19.095	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.3627-2.3742	2.3627-2.3653	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOL[illegible]

Australia	1.2870-1.2886
Austria	11.51-11.52
Belgium (Com)	33.75-33.79
Canada	1.3390-1.3395
Denmark	1.6368-1.6378
France	5.5207-5.5217
Germany	1.6372-1.6382
Hong Kong	7.7383-7.7393
Ireland	1.6140-1.6150
Italy	1593.25-1593.75
Japan	118.72-118.82
Malaysia	2.4863-2.4873
Netherlands	1.8391-1.8396
Norway	6.5337-6.5437
Portugal	163.19-163.29
Singapore	1.4072-1.4082
Spain	137.15-137.20
Sweden	7.1339-7.1414
Switzerland	1.4268-1.4278

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6555-1.6582
Australia dollar	2.1327-2.1354
Bahrain dinar	0.6190-0.6310
Brazil real*	1.7313-1.7357
China yuan	13.590-13.990
Cyprus pound	0.8035-0.8135
Finland markka	7.8775-7.9935
Greece drachma	419.0-426.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.8208-12.8302
India rupee	58.98-59.94
Indonesia rupiah	3898.0-3966.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4950-0.5050
Malaysia ringgit	4.1193-4.1234
New Zealand dollar	2.3487-2.3518
Pakistan rupee	66.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9750-6.0990
Singapore dollar	2.3314-2.3345
S Africa rand (com)	7.6330-7.7350
U A E dirham	6.0275-6.1515

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	809	Lloyds TSB	7,400
ASDA Gp	13,200	LucasVarity	10,000
Abbey Ntl	1,400	Marks Spr	2,600
Allied Dom	5,700	Mercury Asset	669
Argos	1,200	NatWst Bk	3,100
AB Foods	760	Nat Grid	11,600
BAA	4,200	Nat Power	4,600
BAT Inds	5,800	Next	613
BOC	1,900	Orange	7,600
BP	11,000	P & O	1,900
BSkyB	1,800	Pearson	1,400
BTR	13,300	PowerGen	3,500
BT	12,400	Prudential	5,200
Bk of Scot	2,400	RMC	362
Barclays	2,900	RTZ	2,800
Bass	1,500	Railtrack	2,200
Blue Circle	3,100	Rank Group	1,800
Boots	2,300	Reckitt Col	3,000
BAe	1,600	Redland	7,100
BA	3,100	Reed Intl	4,000
Brit Gas	19,500	Rentokil	5,100
Brit Steel	10,000	Reuters	10,000
Burmah Cstl	1,500	Rolls Royce	6,400
Burton	10,100	Royal & Sun	6,700
Cable Wire	2,400	Royal Bk Sct	2,000
Cadbury	7,000	Safeway	2,800
Carlton Cms	5,200	Sainsbury	1,600
Cm Union	2,800	Schroders	258
Dixons	2,200	Scot & New	1,900
EMI	683	Scot Power	7,100
Enterpr Oil	463	Svrn Trent	1,100
GKN	905	Shell Trans	6,300
GRE	3,600	Siebe	926
GUS	3,000	SmKl Bch	4,300
Gen Acc	1,800	Smith Nph	3,400
Gen Elec	3,900	Smiths Inds	2,500
Glaxo Well	5,100	Std Chartd	4,000
Granada	3,500	TI Gp	3,200
Grand Met	12,200	Tate & Lyle	4,500
Guinness	15,200	Tesco	3,700
HSBC	1,700	Thames W	2,400
Hanson	31,000	Tomkins	7,900
Hays	1,300	Unilever	2,100
ICI	4,600	Utd Utilities	3,400
Imp Tob	1,500	Utd News	2,400
Kingfisher	8,400	Vodafone	17,100
LASMO	2,600	Whitbread	612
Ladbroke	9,200	Wilms Hld	2,100
Land Secs	1,200	Wolseley	425
Legal & Gn	6,900	Zeneca	1,700

	Jan 22 midday	Jan 21 close		Jan 22 midday	Jan 21 close		Jan 22 midday	Jan 21 close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sale appetite at the Savoy

WORD has it that the Savoy group is selling its corner of Knightsbridge. Brasserie *St Quentin* and Grill St Quentin are up for sale, leaving Simpson's-in-the-Strand as the group's only remaining restaurant outside its hotel collection.

The Savoy group's track record as far as its satellite restaurants are concerned has been somewhat disappointing. Remember Wilton's? Remember Stone's Chop House? The hotel group sold the York Building behind the Adelphi Theatre last October, and is soon expected to sell its Surrey bed factory. "There's nothing going on at this point in time," a spokesman said.

Horlick's break

LUCKY ITN had Nicola Horlick all to themselves yesterday. Reporters from LBC waiting for superwoman to emerge from the ITN building after a lunchtime interview, were ready to grab a soundbite when La Horlick had the microphone snatched away. A minion from ITN, hot on her trail, reminded them politely that her ladyship was already taken.

MARK Hadsley-Chaplin is back in town. Having resigned at Christmas as head of UBS Securities East Asia, after five years building it up, "Chaps" is said to have taken a job with a rival investment bank. For two months he has been renovating his vicarage on Prince of Wales Drive, southwest London. With four children and a wife expecting next month, Chaps says: "Now seems a good time to go back to work."

"Fortunately people are buying shares instead"

Knight alarm

ANGELA KNIGHT was out in the rain again yesterday. Extolling the virtues of the all-female Oeics team at the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury was interrupted by a fire alarm. The troops marched out of 12 George St, and Knight was the only one with an umbrella. Like chickens to a hen, representatives from SIB and Autif huddled round in vain to find shelter. Wasn't it white Knight who rescued her team from the Treasury fire?

Power play

A MANAGER at Southern Electric's Oxford North depot was named man of the match at Monday night's game at Watford Football Club. When the lights went off before the game against Oxford United, Tony Taylor was near the ground. Although Watford FC has a private power network which falls geographically within Eastern Electricity's franchise area, Taylor put back the power supply.

CALCULATING how many advisers help run an organisation can be tricky. Sir Anthony Grant, MP and member of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, offered a suggestion at yesterday's energy regulation hearing: "The head of a business should only gather round him as many people as he could comfortably buy a round of drinks for."

MORAG PRESTON

Dose of competitiveness that sent Tarzan off the deep end

John Major, the Prime Minister, yesterday breakfasted with business leaders, and broadcast the result around the country in a satellite link-up to spread the Conservative message to industry before the general election. As he did so, the airwaves were still resounding from his deputy Michael Heseltine's clash with Tony Blair and business leaders — nominally over the new report on competitiveness from the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, but in reality a tactical strike against Labour's better relationship with business as the election approaches.

Leaving aside the political row that blew up over his claims that the Institute for Public Policy Research is a "front" organisation for Labour, business leaders were astonished at Mr Heseltine's *attack on* them. By late evening of the day the *Commission's report* was launched, Mr Heseltine was backtracking somewhat, arguing that he was not actually attacking business leaders on the Commission, such as George Simpson, managing director of GEC, or Bob Bauman, chairman of British Aerospace. Rather he was criticising the Commission's officials, the real culprits *behind the report, since people running* companies such as GEC did not have the time for that kind of thing themselves.

What is curious about this episode is not the political accusations of knavery and/or dupery flying around. The politics of it are simple — each party saying to a key *constituency like business: vote for me.* The bulk of the Commission's report is also largely unexceptional. The curious part is that Mr Heseltine's own officials have been aware of its contents for weeks, and even took part in the process of its being drawn up.

Four years ago, as President of the Board of Trade, Mr Heseltine beat his way past internal opposition in Whitehall and in the Conservative party to establish a Competitiveness Unit. *To considerable political* scepticism from his own side, Mr Heseltine produced in 1994 the first of what has become an annual series of White Papers aimed at improving Britain's competitiveness. In his speech at the launch of the Commission's report he correctly claimed that because of this, "nowhere in the world" is the competitiveness agenda taken more seriously than in Britain. When the Commission was established in 1995, it drew heavily on the groundbreaking work on competitiveness by Mr Heseltine.

In an appendix to its report, the Commis*sion lists the people and organisations from* whom it took evidence in drawing up its report. There are 191. They include Geoffrey Norris, *Mr Blair's main industry adviser,* and Nick Matthews, Labour's policy official on industry. But they also include three officials from the Treasury, three from other government departments, six from the CBI, senior figures from companies such as PowerGen, Mercury Asset Management, British Gas, BT, Tesco, Prudential, IBM, NatWest and Glaxo Wellcome, to say nothing of Ian Greer Associates, plus two officials from Mr Heseltine's Cabinet Office Competitiveness Unit.

The Commission unanimously agreed its report on October 14. It went to the printers *at the end of the month. Then it was* "benchtested" with key outside business figures, and its contents revealed just before Christmas in a private meeting with Mr Heseltine's Competitiveness Unit officials.

Leaving aside the points of political contention, like the recommendations on the social chapter and the minimum wage, Whitehall officials versed in Mr Heseltine's vision of competitiveness found little in it with which to quarrel. *When The Times* began last year to disclose the unpublished report's contents and recommendations, Mr Heseltine's political antennae began to twitch, and he eventually decided upon his leap into the Commission's launch.

The move has probably served principally to highlight a *report that would otherwise* have seen relatively little publicity. It may have served Mr Heseltine's purpose in casting doubt on Labour's new business credentials. But it has at best puzzled and at worst angered business leaders — a reaction that it will probably take a good few more breakfasts with *Mr Major to smooth.*

PHILIP BASSETT

Settle this row now, for City's sake

The Horlick case needs to be resolved swiftly and sensibly, says Robert Miller

Robert Smith must wake up in the morning and wonder what fresh trouble is in *store for him. As the embattled* chief executive of Morgan Grenfell's asset management arm criss-crosses London to reassure anxious UK pension fund clients that their £18 billion is in safe hands, he can be sure that even more lurid and unflattering headlines are on their way.

As Morgan Grenfell completes its internal investigation today into the *departure of* Nicola Horlick, the two sides appear to be further than ever from reaching a settlement.

Morgan Grenfell, with the *wholehearted public support* of Deutsche Bank, its parent company, has insisted that Mrs Horlick resigned her post a week ago, two days after she was suspended for an alleged breach of contract.

In "resigning" — Mrs Horlick says that she was "constructively dismissed" — Morgan Grenfell insists that she has not only left the firm but has also walked away from a possible 1996 bonus worth up to £500,000, and access to a phantom option plan used to shelter deferred bonuses, valued at up to £2 million.

The company has stated that there is nothing wrong with Mrs Horlick having talks with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, with a view to a possible job offer. The former fund manager admitted yesterday that she had been in talks with ABN Amro until a few days before she was suspended. What her previous employer alleges, however, is that Mrs Horlick breached her contract by trying to poach some of her team while they were employed by Morgan Grenfell. Its case is built around some eight statements, taken from colleagues and fellow fund *managers*, by Fox Williams, the law firm.

Given Morgan Grenfell's vehemence, which grows rather than diminishes with each passing day, it seems that a behind-the-scenes settlement is out of the question. The firm says that Mrs Horlick breached her contract and if she wants to sue then so be it. But who gains?

Certainly not Mrs Horlick. Her high-profile antics, skipping between London and Frankfurt last Friday, did her more harm than the original alleged offence. It appears that Mrs Horlick had frequently raised the stakes in the past, going for a better position and more money within Morgan Grenfell. This latest spat was not the first time that posturing had gone on. But whereas in the past Keith Percy, Mrs *Horlick's old mentor who left* Morgan Grenfell after the Peter Young unit trust scandal last year, had smoothed things over and kept a successful team together, Mr Smith decided enough was enough.

Leaving aside the alleged crime of poaching staff, what Mrs Horlick did in terms of talking up her own position was no more or less than goes *on in numerous companies,* and not just those in the Square Mile. But even if she did talk to some of her staff about joining her was there not a better way to defuse the situation. And might it not still be resolved without loss of face. Morgan Grenfell and Herbert Smith, Mrs Horlick's law firm, could sit down and thrash out a confidential deal. She would probably have to accept that the £2 million in *deferred bonus has gone but* some of last year's bonus, but not all of it, *could still* be handed over.

Why? Well, who gains from an inevitable court case? Morgan Grenfell certainly won't. Given that Imro, the City watchdog for fund managers, is expected to inflict a record fine, *possibly topping £1 million, on* Morgan Grenfell for its failure to spot irregularities and rule breaches in two European funds run by Peter Young, such a case will merely resurrect suspicions and concerns as to whether the firm really is fit to manage money on behalf of *millions* of pension scheme members.

This would be a pity. Stuart Mitchell, Mr Young's replacement, has already started to *turn the funds' fortunes* around and Morgan Grenfell, as a *house*, has provided consistently good returns over the past five years to its clients.

There comes a time, however, when one more scandal, *one more set of lurid headlines*, forces trustees and custodians of pensioners' money to go elsewhere. There is also the £200 million in compensation *that Morgan Grenfell will pay* shortly to some 90,000 investors in the two European fund managed by Mr Young. More publicity.

Even after the Imro disciplinary action, which is likely to involve actions against certain senior individuals, including bans or restrictions from working in the City for a period, there is still a Serious Fraud Office *investigation into* Mr Young. This centres on a complex web of companies established with the assistance of Wyler & Woolf, a Swiss law firm, and allegedly using investors' money. It has been suggested *that Mr Young's* health is not robust, and it is *by no means certain that the* SFO will conclude its investigation by pressing charges and proceeding with a trial.

One senior City fund manager *said yesterday:* "The sooner the Nicola Horlick business is sorted out the better. It is embarrassing to the City at large." Another added: "The whole thing has been completely overblown and was not helped by Nicola's over-the-top reaction last Friday. The rights and wrongs are not as clear as some would have it. The City is a crucial *part of the economy and these* spats over salary and bonuses make it look like we win the lottery every year."

It seems increasingly clear *that beyond Mrs Horlick's* undoubtedly hard-nosed approach and her sense of her own value — overblown to many — she has been under *intense pressure.* Her daughter needs further treatment for cancer, and her *husband Tim,* who now works for Salomon Brothers, faces legal action from Kleinwort Benson, his former employer, which is *looking for a settlement of* between £50,000 and £100,000.

Maybe, just maybe, Morgan Grenfell can relieve itself of one set of embarrassing headlines by showing a *human face. Because Mrs* Horlick played her hand and clearly lost out should she suffer for the rest of her life? Morgan Grenfell appears to *have no legal obligation to* make a payoff. But in considering the matter it may feel that it is about time that a once proud house should stop bringing the City into disrepute quite so often.

Eye of the storm: Robert Smith, centre, Morgan Grenfell chief executive, flanked by Nicola Horlick and Peter Young

BUSINESS LETTERS

Nursery profits and losses

From Deborah Hinks

Sir, As Whitbread becomes *the largest operator of pri*vate nursery schools in Britain and Pennington speculates on the riches to be made out of the lucrative pre-school care market (January 9), it is time to *acknowledge decades of* research evidence showing that children under the age of three do not thrive emotionally in a day nursery setting. By failing to admit the true psychologi*cal needs of young child*ren, individual investors may well become financially rich, but society becomes emotionally poorer.

Yours faithfully,
DEBORAH HINKS,
What About the Children?
Galleons Lap, Back Street,
Gayton, King's Lynn.

Credit where due

From Mr A P H Rogers

Sir, With reference to Sir Guy Millard's letter (Janu*ary 7), many of us who* have already paid large sums into *Lloyd's* on account of the "finality" feel that it would be very nice to have had a credit however long one might have to *wait to get the cash!*

Yours faithfully,
A P H ROGERS
Clos De Collette,
La Villaise,
St. Ouen, Jersey.

Smarter move

From Mr B.C. Hunt

Sir, I seem to remember an *advert: The Smarter Inves*tor goes to the Alliance and Leicester. After recent events, I would say the smarter larger investor *went to the Woolwich.*

Yours faithfully,
BC HUNT
6 Petworth Court
Rackham Road
Rustingham, West Sussex.

Bundesbank likely to resist French pressure for rate cut

Janet Bush on the complex issues influencing policy-makers in Bonn

This week's sombre warning about the state of the German economy from no less a figure than Hans Tietmeyer, president of *the Bundesbank, coupled with* a shockingly weak report on business from the Munich-based Ifo institute, has sent a little frisson through the financial markets. Surely, the argument goes, the Bundesbank will *cut rates*, boost the economy at home and, in the process, help Germany and its European partners to get closer to the Maastricht criteria for joining a single currency.

It is just about conceivable *that the Bundesbank* could shock us all by bowing to political pressure from Bonn and doing exactly this. But visions of a Damascene conversion apart, there is a plethora of reasons why the Bundesbank, *whose policy* making council meets today, is unlikely to cut rates, short of a collapse in German economic activity or a dramatic reversal in the *mark's decline* against the dollar, both long odds.

The weakness of the mark is *one of the most significant* reasons that is likely to weigh opinion in the Bundesbank against rate cuts. Its sharp fall has already helped to reignite *Germany's export sector*, with about half of last year's 1.4 per cent growth in gross domestic *product* coming from net exports, making a positive contribution to growth for *the first* time in five years.

Those hoping for German *rate cuts might* argue that a bit more mark weakness would be good for the German economy and good for continental Europe. But it would be [illegible] of character for the Bundesbank to bolster growth through a *deliberately* weak exchange rate. As Adrian Owens of Julius Baer Investments says: "The Bundesbank has traditionally taken pride in the strong mark."

The Bundesbank does not want *to promote monetary* loosening simultaneously through the exchange rates and interest rates. It also wants to avoid *risking* an acceleration of *the mark's* downward trend, particularly given speculation that the US Federal Reserve is about to raise American interest rates, which, in itself, would give the *dollar* an extra boost.

The German *central bank* is likely to argue that, in any case, *the weak* currency is *likely* to be more effective in boosting growth than a marginal cut in interest rates. The *repurchase rate*, at 3 per cent, and the discount rate, at 2.5 per cent, are already very low and, more importantly, long-term German rates, regarded *as far more important for the* economy, have been declining steadily even with short rates unchanged. From a peak of around 9 per cent at the end of 1990, *ten-year interest rates* have declined to around 5.75 per cent, their lowest level for six years.

But beyond all such rational economic and domestic arguments for keeping rates on *hold is the entire question of* monetary union. An intensifying power struggle between Germany and France over who will determine the kind of single *currency that* Europe will have, is deeply uncomfortable for the Bundesbank's economic *conservatives.*

France has recently been flexing its muscles in a way *that has set* alarm bells screeching in Frankfurt. At the Dublin summit, the French argued for politicians to have a *say in who might be* punished for running excessive deficits after monetary union — having already indulged in outrageous accounting to put its own deficit on course to meet the Maastricht economic convergence *criteria.*

Even more criminal in Bundesbank eyes have been subsequent suggestions that *the independent* European central bank should be subject to some kind of dialogue with politicians on monetary policy.

As if this was not provocative enough, Paris is now insisting that a Frenchman *should become president of* the European central bank and suggesting that Germany ought to be cutting its interest rates and weakening the mark against the dollar.

On Tuesday, Giscard d'Estaing, *the former president,* continued his campaign for lower interest and exchange rates in France and Germany, expressing the opinion that "the markets have understood that, sooner or later, German rates would have to be lowered".

Of all the potential reasons for the Bundesbank to stand pat on rates, French attitudes must be the most powerful. Put crudely, the Bundesbank will *not want to cut rates* because this is what the French want. A cut in rates in the current atmosphere would seem too much like an en*dorsement of French desire* for a soft euro with a large, relatively ill-disciplined membership, hopelessly compromised by political meddling.

The mark has been under pressure because investors believe a French-style soft *euro is likely to happen.* But there is also a distinct possibility that Chancellor Kohl, under pressure from an increasingly discomforted *Bundesbank, will eventually* revolt and opt to delay monetary union rather than sign up for the French model.

Then, the mark would soar. Then, perhaps, interest rates might be cut.

Tietmeyer: warning note

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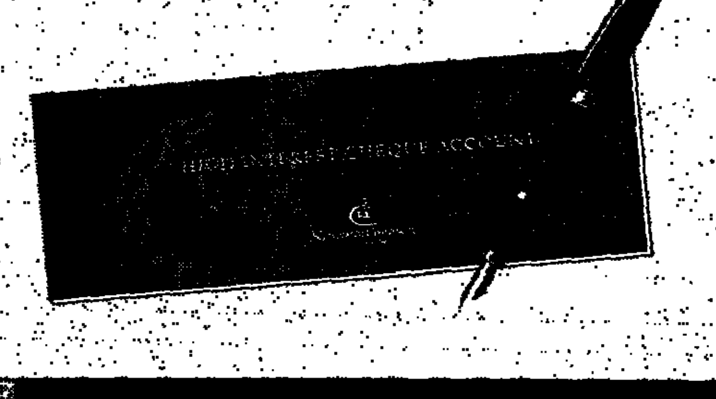

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Shorts to create 600 jobs in Belfast

By Oliver August and Eileen McCabe

SHORTS of Belfast yesterday announced that it would create up to 600 jobs to build a 70-seat mid-range aircraft and dispel some of the gloom that recently descended on Northern Ireland's economy.

Bombardier, the parent company of Shorts, launched the Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ-X) in a bid to win the lion share of the mid-range market after the collapse of Fokker and the sale of McDonnell Douglas last year.

Ken Brundle, Shorts vice-president, said: "This is excellent news for Shorts. The CRJ-X is the sixth Bombardier aircraft programme in which Shorts is playing a major role. These programmes are of great significance to the company and to the Northern Ireland economy."

Shorts will be responsible for the design and manufacture of the forward and centre fuselage and the engine nacelle system.

Mr Brundle said the new programme was particularly welcome after the loss of up to 1,000 jobs last year in the wake of the collapse of Fokker, the Dutch aircraft maker, which provided the firm with 25 per cent of its aircraft work.

He said: "Over the past 12 months we have had a disappointing time, to say the least, and we have had to shed hundreds of jobs. But today we are talking about 500 to 600 jobs, mostly new jobs, that will be generated in Belfast over the next three to four years."

The CRJ-X is based on the original Canadair Regional Jet that seats 50 passengers. The combination of the two aircraft will make them the only combination of 50- and 70-seater on offer to airlines, according to Shorts.

But while Shorts is growing, total economic growth in Northern Ireland fell below the UK average last year for the first time since 1990, according to a report by Coopers & Lybrand, published yesterday.

The company's annual economic review laid the blame for the reduction in growth from 3 per cent in 1995 to 2 per cent last year on the sluggish economic performance of Northern Ireland's main export markets rather than the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire.

However, it said that business confidence among indigenous companies was badly dented by international media coverage of the extensive civil unrest during the Orange Order stand-off at Drumcree last summer.

More than 70 per cent of Northern Ireland's chief executives who responded said that they were concerned about the impact of that unrest on their business activities.

The report said that in spite of the effects of public spending cuts, growth should pick up this year. But it added that Northern Ireland needed an injection of political confidence. "The extent to which the economy will really accelerate may have as much to do with confidence as with opportunity," it said.

CHRIS HARRIS

Martin Hollis with Terry Timpson, model, left, and Emma Stordy, designer

Move East yields dividends for Shani

By Fraser Nelson

SHANI, the women's wear manufacturer that closed two Yorkshire factories and moved production to Eastern Europe last year, said yesterday that the move had helped it to return record results for the year to October 31.

Sales of coats and jackets had been hit by the mild winter of 1995-96, it said, and pressure on prices for separates continued throughout last year.

However, with a first full-year contribution from Anglo Foreign and cost savings from switching production offshore, pre-tax profits rose to £3.14 million (£2.9 million) on sales of £33.8 million (£27.6 million). Its shares gained 3p yesterday, closing at 121½p.

Martin Hollis, chairman, said the company had closed the two British plants through want of skilled workers.

In Lithuania, he said, most women made their own clothes, creating a more abundant workforce. The quality of production matched that in Britain, he said, with a fraction of the labour costs.

Earnings were 14.3p (13.5p) per share. The total dividend is 7.17p (6.64p) with a final 4.8p per share, due April 8.

The company, whose labels include Admyra, Lamperd and New Order, said that around 40 per cent of its garments are now produced overseas, against 25 per cent last year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

AT&T hails record year after changes

AT&T, the American telecoms company, reported fourth-quarter net income of $1.62 billion, compared with a $2.68 billion loss in the final three months of the previous year when the company took an exceptional charge of $3.03 billion for restructuring. Quarterly earnings were 76 cents a share, compared with a 59 cent loss previously. Earnings before charges last year were 68 cents. Net income for the full year was $5.9 billion, recovering from profits of just $139 million in 1995. Full-year revenues were $52.18 billion ($50.66 billion).

During the year AT&T demerged its Lucent and NCR subsidiaries and sold other businesses. Robert Allen, chairman, said: "AT&T had a record year in 1996 in the face of extraordinary challenges and changes in our business and in our industry." Mr Allen said results were affected by an increase in bad debts.

Hotel group advances

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HOTELS, which joined the market in November, beat its forecast in the year to October 31 with profits of £2.13 million (£1.42 million) before tax and exceptionals. The company, which owns six hotels in Scotland, spent an average of £1,400 per room on maintenance over the period. That helped income per room to climb to record highs, lifting overall revenue to £16.6 million (£15.7 million). Earnings were 10.3p (8.3p). A maiden dividend of 0.5p is payable on February 7.

Greycoat buys property

GREYCOAT, the property company which last year fended off a challenge to its independence from Moorfield, a rival company, has acquired 80 Cannon Street from Lothbury Property Trust for £13.6 million. Adjacent to Cannon Street Station in the City, the 37,500 sq ft office building is fully let, but certain leases will expire in less than than five years. Greycoat said the price paid represents an initial yield of about 13 per cent.

Sales rise at Compaq

COMPAQ COMPUTER, the world's biggest maker of personal computers, reported a sharp rise in profits and sales in the fourth quarter. Net income rose to $462 million in the three months to December 31 from $82 million in the final quarter of 1995. Earnings were $1.64 a share (30 cents). Fourth quarter sales grew by 15 per cent to $5.4 billion from $4.7 billion. Net income for all of 1996 rose to $1.3 billion, or $4.72 a share, from $789 million, or $2.88 a share.

Mentmore shares slide

SHARES of Mentmore Abbey fell 27p to 56½p yesterday after the provider of self-storage services disclosed problems at British Data Management, acquired four months ago for £42.5 million. The company said trading at BDM was "substantially below expectations". The company reported pre-tax profits of £1.31 million and exceptional charges for the half year to October 31, against £36,000 previously. Earnings were 0.15p a share (0.14p). The interim dividend is 0.6p (nil).

Saville pegs payout

J SAVILLE GORDON, the property development and steel stockholding company, is holding the interim dividend at 1p a share after reporting a fall in pre-tax profits to £2.64 million from £2.84 million in the half year to October 31. Property activities achieved a 14 per cent increase in rental income but overall profitability suffered as a result of the adverse impact of lower nickel prices on steel stockholding operations. Earnings were 1.7p a share (1.88p).

Pension guidelines issued by Opra

By Adam Jones

DRAFT guidelines on whistle-blowing in cases of pension fund maladministration oblige scheme auditors and actuaries to report breaches of the law, even if they seem minor.

The Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra), the watchdog created under the Pensions Act 1995, issued a consultation document yesterday. It outlines how auditors and actuaries should fulfil obligations under the Act, which comes into force on April 6.

The draft guidelines stress that it is the legal duty of auditors and actuaries to make written reports to Opra if they have reason to suspect irregularities, even in seemingly insignificant cases.

A spokesman for Opra said it was trying to build up a database that could be used to anticipate serious problems using patterns of past behaviour. The guidelines also advise auditors and actuaries not to investigate any suspected breaches themselves if there is a risk that guilty parties could conceal evidence.

Opra will have no power to punish those auditors and actuaries who do not comply. They will be dealt with by their professional bodies.

New deal rings up more customers for Telewest

By Oliver August

TELEWEST, the cable operator, has increased its customer base by one third with a new package scheme offering a combination of cable television and telephony.

Stephen Davidson, chief executive, said the package scheme had been the principle reason for the strong growth in the fourth-quarter results announced yesterday.

The total residential customer base is up 33.8 per cent from a year ago. Half of all residential Telewest customers now take both television and telephony. He said: "There are three different packages offering various combinations of cable television channels. We started the offer in October and have already seen very good results."

Mr Davidson said there was a further financial advantage for Telewest: to sign up, customers have to agree to direct debit payments while ordinary customers are allowed to pay cash.

Because the churn (or default) rate on direct debit is lower, the company has found the new schemes especially profitable. Telewest's average customer churn rate is 3 to 4 per cent. The cable television customer base rose by 31.5 per cent in 1996 to 528,142. In the fourth quarter, 70,000 customers were added compared with 43,000 last year.

Telewest said it had 627,009 telephony customers, 45.5 per cent more than last year. Over 69,500 lines were added in the fourth quarter of 1996 compared with 62,500 in 1995.

Telewest has now laid cable past about 2.5 million of the just under four million homes in its franchise area, raising its "network build" to 65 per cent.

ACCOUNTANCY

Deafening silence on the standards of tax advice

Stella Fearnley says unregulated areas of accounting and taxation mean a dangerous free-for-all

ALAN WELLER

Stella Fearnley cites the case for a system of licensing advisers where benefits outweigh costs

My local paper recently reported the case of an accountant jailed for defrauding clients. No compensation was available to the victims. He was unqualified, regulated by no one, and not subject to any professional surveillance or disciplinary action.

What the report did not say was that when the villain is released from jail there is nothing to stop him carrying on as he did before, with the same opportunities for further misappropriation.

Had he been professionally qualified he would undoubtedly have been struck off for his crime.

But much to the chagrin of his honest professional colleagues, nothing could stop him continuing to practise as an unqualified accountant, and offering accounting and taxation services to the public.

The past ten years have seen two big changes in accounting. Competition has driven down prices and the introduction of state-mandated regulation in financial services, auditing and insolvency has generated ill-feeling as the benefits compared with costs remain uncertain. The criticisms arise through the State's insistence on tedious proactive monitoring of procedure instead of use of the powerful fire brigade at the first sign of smoke.

Regulatory theorists insist that any industry (or profession) should jump at the chance to regulate itself because of the market power that comes with it, but the present regime has been so bad that practitioners do not want what they have got, let alone any more. But in the unregulated areas of accounting and taxation there is still a complete free-for-all.

So *caveat emptor* is the cry in the market. But is it really as simple as that? As a result of the Government's cherry-picking regulatory policy, our newspapers are full of advertisements and our high streets full of plates describing different types of accountant, auditor, insolvency practitioner, financial consultant and tax adviser (to name but a few), some licensed, some registered, some regulated, some chartered, some certified, some incorporated, some accounting technicians, some respectable, some honest, some not.

It may not be reasonable to expect the non-financially literate small trader or private individual in need of tax and accounting advice to pick his or her way though the varying levels of indemnity and recourse available through all these operators, let alone evaluate value for money of the services on offer. And what will self-assessment bring?

Some would say that the battle for the soul of accounting services was lost in 1930 when the combined lobbying of the English and Scottish accounting bodies with royal charters vigorously opposed national registration of all qualified accountants, believing that the brand name of "chartered" was superior. Thus, short-term self-interest eliminated any possibility of reserving the title of "accountant" to qualified persons.

The present membership of the English and Scottish institutes may still believe that the title "chartered accountant" conveys an underlying message of superiority against other competitors. As other qualifying organisations have shown a remarkable interest in obtaining the right to use "chartered" in their title, they must also believe it has competitive advantage. But the exclusivity of the title is now diminished and licences take precedence over the qualification in some areas, so it is devalued.

Sadly, while the undignified posturing squabbles between the respectable bodies have continued (not only over titles), the acting of the unqualified in the unregulated areas of accounting and taxation has flourished, and client moneys, unless held under the financial services regulations, may continue to be snaffled.

Of course, one fraud, unless it be on the scale of a Maxwell, does not present a case for regulation, even if sensibly managed on the fire brigade principle.

Regulation can be justified only where there is evidence of sustained market failure. Unregulated client moneys and consumer confusion may not be enough. However, the ultimate beneficiary of good tax advice is not just the consumer, but the Government itself as recipient of the taxes.

So while the State has been imposing regulatory processes where cost benefit is doubtful, there is a deafening silence on the cost benefit of ensuring minimum standards of tax advice where the State itself could be the beneficiary. It must be time for another look, first by investigating, in partnership with the Inland Revenue, the development of a system of licensing tax advisers where the benefits clearly outweighed the costs, and secondly by considering controlling those holding client monies.

In the meantime, the chartered bodies would do well to sink their differences and concentrate on convincing consumers of their present advantages over the unqualified and uncontrolled.

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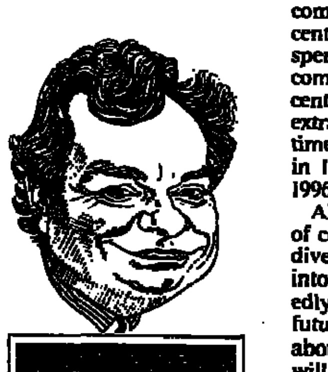
Taxing pie chart for politicians to digest

THERE is a chart in the latest tax survey from Price Waterhouse which ought to worry politicians of whichever party wins the election. It is an innocuous pie chart. But it shows how the in-house tax staff of a significant number of the companies in the FT-SE 250 organise their time.

Once upon a time, an honest assessment would have included a slice to cover throwing of paper darts, cricket matches played with balls of paper and so on. Not so now. Tax is a high-level activity in any big company. It has moved from being a complicated but essentially plodding discipline to a serious part of senior strategy.

And that is why the politicians need to take note. Bringing in tax from large companies requires two factors to be working. There needs to be a good relationship between the Inland Revenue and the company concerned and there needs to be tax legislation which is clear. Increasingly, both factors are becoming skewed in companies' favour. Tax legislation is convoluted and so becomes easier to argue about and exploit and the battle between tax brains at the Inland Revenue and among both a company's advisers and its in-house tax staff has shifted towards the corporate sector.

This is not a simple test of which set of experts is the brighter. The arguments that companies have scooped the brightest out of Somerset House and only left the second division behind are not necessarily correct. But the Inland Revenue does operate under different pressures and in the end it is a matter of morale and confidence.



ROBERT BRUCE

Tax experts on the corporate side are given their heads. Their role is becoming central to a company's success. Tax experts in the Revenue are caught between policy and practice. They are always having to resolve political tensions that have been dumped upon them from elsewhere. Strategies are erratic. The result is that it is much harder to achieve their objectives.

What the Price Waterhouse survey shows is how difficult the task has become. The pie chart of the use of time by tax staff is a clear indication. On one side of the chart is the chunk representing time spent on national direct-tax compliance. On the other is time spent on tax planning for national taxes. The first figure is 32 per cent and the second is 15 per cent. At first glance that looks fine. Compliance work is taking twice as much time, perhaps more if you add in a further 14 per cent devoted to indirect taxes as the time spent on planning.

But compliance work is still, despite technology, a slog. Time spent on planning is much more effectively used time. For it to have climbed to almost half of the compliance time suggests that companies are pushing further and further ahead to hone their abilities in ensuring that tax liabilities are, quite legally, the minimum necessary.

The overall figures are even more worrying for politicians and the Revenue. Price Waterhouse has also charted the figures for broader categories and compared them with their first survey which covered 1995.

Only in time spent on indirect tax has the compliance time spent risen. And that — in a year when people will have been tightening their VAT compliance in particular — only moved one percentage point, from 13 per cent to 14. Time spent on overseas direct tax compliance fell from 8 per cent to 2 per cent and time spent on national direct tax compliance fell from 32 per cent to 31. And where has the extra time been used? The time spent on tax planning in 1995 was 21 per cent. In 1996 it was 28.

All this is highly subjective of course. But being able to divert much more resources into planning will undoubtedly have a payoff in the future. And it will be one about which the Treasury will not be happy. But Price Waterhouse is at pains to suggest that much of the tax planning activities are due to the circumstances in which companies find themselves. Forty-four per cent of FT-SE 250 tax managers are willing to use planning techniques "occasionally" and another 29 per cent whenever possible.

But it is the VAT side which explains much of politicians' unease. Forty-six per cent of companies were exempt, or partially exempt, from VAT. The survey says: "It is not surprising that 48 per cent of respondents had employed VAT mitigation techniques and this was by far the most popular positive planning technique employed."

From the politicians' point of view, the only answer to counter the rise of the tax planner is clearer legislation and use of the Revenue's resources. And those are about as likely as a fall in the tax planning figure in next year's survey.

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131	69½	Burn Stewart	71½	...	5.9	76.0
980	615	Glenmorangie A	965	...	1.6	28.3
496	411	Grand Met	449½	+ 9	4.4	14.5
480	425	Guinness	440	+ ½	4.3	18.6
378	316	Highland Dist	342½	+ 1	3.0	16.5
309	255½	Matthew Clark	282½	− 1	10.6	13.5
141	91½	[illegible]	107½		5.3	14.5
2612½	1375	SA Breweries	1631¼	+ 25	2.0	...

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1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
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415	316	Allied Irish	415	+ 17½	4.3	11.9
389¼	285	Aus New Z	373	+ 3	5.1	..
6531¼	3849½	Bank America	6531¼	+ 84½	...	
341½	227½	Bank Scotland	334	− 2	2.8	11.9
1130½	683	Barclays	1125½	+ 18	3.1	12.3
580	413	Bk of Ireland	568	+ 14	3.7	12.8
6781¼	4091¼	Citicorp	6781¼	+ 228½	...	...
1575	1278¼	Commerzbk	1278¾	− 6	3.5	...
1259	671¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	690½	+ 16½	0.6	...
3412½	2708½	Deutsche Bk	3078½	+ 62½	2.2	...
809¼	585½	Espirito Santo	787½	+ 3½	4.2	11.3
1587	687½	Fuji Bank Y	705½	+ 18½	0.8	...
1480	931	HSBC	1447	+ 8½	2.3	13.7
1440	930	HSBC 10	1409	+ 5	3.3	13.3
502½	385	Irish Perm	502½	+ 5	2.8	13.8
487½	294½	Lloyds TSB	487½	+ 8½	3.2	19.7
748¼	568	Nat Aust Bk	704½	+ 8	5.7	9.7
794½	605½	Nat West	780	− 7	4.2	11.1
602	464	Roy Bk Scot	585	+ 6½	4.0	12.9
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102	100	Exch 10½% 1997	100		10.46	5.75
102	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.62	6.17
114	102	Exch 15% 1997	106		14.11	6.23
106	100	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+	9.45	6.31
109	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.18	6.37
116	109	Treas 14% 1998-01	109	+	12.79	6.49
122	113	Treas 15½% 1998	114	+	13.60	6.55
114	108	Exch 12% 1998	108	+	11.08	6.60
108	97	Treas 9½% 1999	105	+	9.03	6.62
116	110	Exch 12¼% 1999	111	+	11.02	6.65
112	107	Treas 10½% 1999	108	+	9.71	6.68
99	98	Treas 6% 1999	99	+	6.09	6.63
112	107	Conv 10¼% 1999	108	+	8.42	6.77
108	103	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.49	6.83
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.71	6.86
124	117	Treas 13% 2000	118	+	10.98	6.80
114	108	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.04	6.96
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	100	+	7.00	6.98
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.71	7.08
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.66	7.10
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.72	7.16
121	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	+	9.92	6.99
85	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	85	+	4.11	5.97
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	112	+	8.38	7.21
97	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	97	+	6.93	7.18
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	107	+	7.89	7.28
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	113	+	8.35	7.27
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	+	9.75	7.18
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	101	+	7.41	7.32
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	102	+	7.54	7.39
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	+	7.77	7.36
125	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	+	9.63	7.16
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	108	+	7.85	7.35
112	103	Treas 9% 2008	112	+	8.02	7.40
104	95	Treas 8% 2009	104	+	7.67	7.45
LONGS (over 15 years)						
89	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	89	+	7.01	7.52
113	104	Conv 9% 2011	112	+	7.97	7.51
114	104	Treas 9% 2012	113	+	7.95	7.50
84	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	83	+	6.60	7.28
105	95	Treas 8% 2013	104	+	7.69	7.55
103	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101	+	7.61	7.55
105	95	Treas 8% 2015	104	+	7.65	7.53
113	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	111	+	7.81	7.58
106	95	Tr 8% 2021	105	+	7.61	7.53
UNDATED						
46	41	War Ln 3½%	45	+	7.62	..
32	29	Treas 2½%	31	..	7.87	.
51	45	Consols 4%	51	+	7.84	.
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114	+	0.24	2.05
185	170	Treas IL 2½% 2001	185	+	2.58	3.19
182	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182	+	2.81	3.26
119	112	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+	2.88	3.28
192	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	192	+	3.07	3.38
173	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	172	+	3.17	3.43
179	168	Treas IL 2½% 2011	178	+	3.28	3.49
148	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	148	+	3.32	3.53
157	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	156	+	3.38	3.57
151	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	149	+	3.46	3.62
128	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	123	+	3.47	3.62
124	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121	+	3.47	3.62

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	18	Abacus Recrod	102½			29.2
213	85	Cale Inns	175		1.7	13.5
171½	58	Country Gdns	154½	+ 1	1.1	15.9
2535	860	Dawson Hldgs	2512½	...	2.0	19.0
47	14	Freepages	43	.	.	...
117	80½	Megalomedia	92½		.	51.9
475	22½	Memory Corp	56½	− 1	..	..
222	85	Old English Pub	215½		0.9	67.7
580	151	Peters Rail▲	550	.	.	..
1030	379	Ramco Egy	1025	...	0.1	...
685	520	Southam News	683½		3.2	19.5
79½	50	Southern Vectis	67½		3.5	15.8
438	132	Surrey Fr Inns	436½	+ 6½	0.7	30.1
79½	44	Trocadero	52½	− 1½	...	...

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. ‡ Ex dividend. † Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
For AIB see Govett Unit				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	706.30	751.30	+ 8.20	2.36
General Inc	599.40	627.10	+ 6.80	2.36
UK Growth Acc	490.30	521.70	+ 5.70	2.48
UK Growth Inc	317.40	337.70	+ 3.70	2.48
Higher Inc Acc	878.20	934.30	+ 7.90	3.86
Higher Inc Inc	467.80	497.70	+ 4.20	3.86
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	216.00	228.10	+ 0.80	5.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.56	99.89	+ 0.37	5.34
Nth America	370.40	394.10	+ 3.80	
Europe	375.70	399.70	+ 5.08	0.14
Brit Excell	97.04	103.30	+ 1.20	2.60
Brit Fndmtls Acc	123.99	131.90	+ 0.80	4.36
Brit Fndmtls Inc	82.91	88.21	+ 0.60	4.36
Global Opps	101.00	107.50	+ 0.60	
Balanced Acc	65.69	69.89	- 0.55	2.43
Balanced Inc	61.34	65.26	+ 0.52	2.43
Japan Acc	36.60	38.94	+ 0.44	
Pac Basin Acc	410.70	437.00	+ 0.90	0.02
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	134.20	142.40†	+ 0.90	6.68
High Inc Equity	192.90	206.30†	+ 0.70	4.41
Worldwide Bond	269.10	285.30	+ 1.40	4.69
American Growth	414.50	443.00†	+ 5.20	0.30
Asian Pacific	331.60	354.70	+ 2.40	0.39
Assets & Earnings	321.70	344.10	+ 2.40	2.74
Euro Capital Acc	195.10	208.70	+ 1.50	0.76
Extra Inc	43.01	45.75†	+ 0.07	8.00
General	293.20	311.90	+ 1.10	2.80
Global Opps	72.15	76.75	+ 0.64	0.52
Japan	88.72	94.89	+ 1.22	
Managed Inc	49.04	52.17†	+ 0.18	4.31
Mastertrust	172.40	184.40	+ 1.50	1.30
US Emerging Cos	211.90	225.40	+ 2.70	
Ethical	86.39	91.90	- 0.01	1.93
International	137.00	145.70	- 1.50	0.49
Dividend & Growth	71.40	75.98†	+ 0.24	4.41
Global Gwth & Sec	74.33	79.43	+ 0.01	2.34
Latin America	72.91	77.56	+ 0.59	0.50
Capital Reserve	147.40	147.50	+ 0.30	4.75
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2478.00	2577.00	‡	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	63.89	66.30	- 0.39	0.15
Emerging Mkts	75.71	78.66	+ 0.51	0.04
European	157.50	163.70	+ 0.60	
Extra Income #	50.20	52.83†	+ 0.25	6.16
Far East Emg Eco	128.40	134.70	+ 0.80	0.46
Fixed Interest #	26.38	27.33	+ 0.07	8.69
Fund Inv Tst #	158.90	166.70†	+ 0.30	0.21
Japan	149.30	155.20	+ 1.10	
Latin American	63.78	66.35	- 0.29	0.73
Pacific	81.37	85.35	+ 0.65	0.31
Property Share	80.12	84.11†	- 0.38	2.09
UK Emerging Cos	73.82	79.78†	+ 0.03	1.21
UK Growth	58.25	60.66	+ 0.46	1.93
Aber World Port #	84.87	86.70†	+ 0.62	2.87
Ethical	81.09	84.34†	+ 0.57	2.09
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.82	50.87†	- 0.02	7.31
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Resdl Property #	101.00	109.50		5.23
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	96.42	102.30	+ 0.31	2.21
Income Builder Inc	84.83	90.24†	- 0.49	4.23
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	303.30	324.20	+ 2.10	2.97
Capital	541.50	578.80	+ 2.30	1.09
Balanced	875.90	936.30†	+ 5.90	2.22
Accumulator	1692.00	1808.00	+ 9.00	1.73
Income Trusts				
American Income	67.32	71.750	- 0.69	3.23
High Income	489.20	521.80	+ 2.20	4.09
Equity Income	272.60	291.30†	+ 1.10	3.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	163.96	176.31	+ 1.07	1.87
UK Equity	102.67	109.68	+ 1.10	3.27
UK Equity & Gil	60.72	64.33	+ 0.42	5.97
UK Smlr Cos	55.01	58.84	+ 0.12	1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	694.60	816.76	+12.87	4.19
Fxd Int Sec	158.66	159.30	+ 1.80	8.96
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	787.14	799.04	+11.00	4.31
Investment Acc	£36.74	£37.30	- 60.24	
Fixed Int Inc	127.11	127.61	+ 1.48	9.09
Fixed Int Acc	236.75	237.69	+ 2.76	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.95	92.75	+ 0.71	5.40
Bash Bio-Tech	42.20	46.15†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.33	203.01†		0.43
City Fin Assets	81.40	85.48		1.80
City Fin Intl	89.46	93.94	+ 1.07	0.14
Friars Hse Cap	319.57	339.97†		2.33
Buckley Wrld Gth	138.50	147.87	+ 1.96	
J Sd Inc Gth Inc	58.84	61.79†		3.38
Shaw Utilities	64.49	66.88	+ 1.87	6.70
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.75	60.21	+ 0.46	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	85.49	90.95	+ 1.18	
Dragon Growth	74.40	79.57	+ 0.32	0.23
Equity High Inc	96.05	102.85	+ 1.00	3.92
-do- Accum	139.93	149.83	+ 1.46	3.92
Extra Income Inc	26.91	28.33†	- 0.04	7.05
Extra Income Acc	30.04	31.63	- 0.03	7.05
European Gwth	65.43	69.42	- 0.84	0.50
Evergreen	32.14	34.37	+ 0.21	
General Equity	113.51	120.44	+ 1.18	2.63
Japan Growth	37.63	40.03	+ 0.49	
Pedigree Gwth	69.17	73.02	+ 0.44	2.19
Pref Sm Cos Inc	39.66	42.66	+ 0.07	1.11
-do- Accum	42.29	45.47	+ 0.08	1.11
Retirement Inc #	29.02	31.33	+ 0.31	5.67
Special Sits	49.30	53.01	- 0.01	2.21
UK & Overseas	61.88	65.65	+ 0.80	0.51
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01624 638 000				
Balanced	74.34	77.43	+ 0.39	3.90
Capital	88.06	91.72	+ 0.54	2.50
High Income	53.34	55.56	+ 0.13	6.50
Top 50	60.07	62.57	+ 0.71	2.45
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	203.25	211.74	+ 0.47	4.34
Long Gilt	44.69	46.53†	+ 0.47	6.02
Monthly Inc Plus	51.67	53.83	+ 0.24	8.32
Preference Share	49.15	51.20†	+ 0.22	7.61
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	147.17	153.32†	+ 0.56	5.56
Managed Fund	78.55	81.83	+ 0.57	2.71
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	56.46	58.82	- 0.20	1.61
-do- Accum	66.73	69.52	- 0.24	1.61
UK & General	104.40	108.76	+ 0.94	2.77
-do- Accum	137.36	143.10	+ 1.23	2.77
UK Growth	210.29	219.08	+ 1.64	1.28
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	217.15	228.22	+ 3.22	0.64
Far Eastern Gth	130.86	136.33	- 0.96	0.02
Global Bond	75.37	78.52	- 0.05	6.31
Japan Growth	90.26	94.03	+ 1.79	
North Amer Gth	254.63	265.27	+ 2.99	
Overseas Growth	87.78	91.45	+ 0.27	0.25
Worldwide Growth	73.09	76.14	+ 0.89	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.62	92.62	+ 0.01	5.19
Homemaker Fund	93.34	99.31	+ 1.05	1.52

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	65.40	69.39†	+ 0.28	0.30
European	156.70	166.10	+ 1.90	0.58
-do- Accum	166.10	175.90	+ 1.90	0.50
Extra Income	406.60	431.40†	- 1.00	4.45
-do- Accum	655.60	695.60†	- 1.70	4.45
Financial	183.80	195.10	+ 1.40	0.46
-do- Accum	195.50	207.40	+ 1.50	0.46
Gilt Fixed	64.44	66.45	+ 0.26	6.65
-do- Accum	100.20	103.30	+ 0.40	6.65
Health Fund Inc	274.80	291.60	+ 3.70	
-do- Accum	274.80	291.60	+ 3.70	
Income & Growth	236.80	251.20	+ 1.90	3.61
-do- Accum	382.50	405.80	+ 2.80	3.61
Intl Growth	431.50	457.80	+ 2.80	
-do- Accum	479.10	508.30	+ 2.20	
Japan & Gen	134.40	142.60	+ 1.30	
-do- Accum	135.80	144.10	+ 1.40	...
Monthly Inc #	208.50	221.80†	+ 0.50	4.38
-do- Accum #	210.40	223.80†	+ 0.90	4.38
Managed Port Inc	124.10	130.80	+ 0.86	1.37
-do- Accum	134.70	141.80	+ 0.88	1.37
Quarterly Income #	58.96	62.56	+ 0.47	5.28
-do- Accum #	68.26	72.52	+ 0.55	5.28
Recovery	337.80	357.80†	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	394.10	421.50†	- 0.10	
UK Growth	71.04	75.37	+ 0.48	2
-do- Accum	77.03	81.73	+ 0.53	2
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	65.74	70.00	+ 0.83	0.02
FP Am Smlr Cos	210.70	224.70	+ 2.50	
FP Asian Growth	291.40	310.00	+ 2.50	
FP Australian	418.60	447.50	+ 3.90	
FP Equity Dist	485.50	517.80	+ 4.10	2.27
-do- Accum	£10.63	£11.35	+ 9.00	2.27
FP Euro Gth	303.30	328.50	+ 2.70	
-do- Accum	331.80	353.00	+ 3.00	
FP Intl Bond	56.59	59.86	+ 0.22	3.92
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.39	40.94	+ 0.42	
-do- Accum	56.39	60.14	+ 0.64	
FP Pac Basin Acc	213.60	227.80	+ 2.50	
FP Income #	61.82	65.94†	+ 0.36	4.79
-do- Accum #	219.70	234.30	+ 1.30	4.79
FP Jap Smlr Cos	230.80	246.10†	- 0.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	78.41	83.63†	+ 0.26	4.96
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†	+ 0.10	5.04
FP Tokyo	83.76	88.01	+ 0.96	
FP UK Focus	44.80	47.76	+ 0.47	1.49
FP UK Growth	210.20	224.20†	+ 2.20	2.06
-do- Accum	427.70	456.20	+ 4.40	2.06
Stewardship Dist	466.50	497.66	+ 0.10	1.17
-do- Accum	589.50	628.80	+ 0.18	1.17
Stwdship Inc Dist #	83.93	89.52	- 0.06	4.57
-do- Accum #	116.50	124.20	- 0.10	4.57
N Am Stshp Dist	132.60	141.40	+ 1.20	0.20
-do- Accum	142.70	152.30	+ 1.30	0.20
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical Inc #	112.10	112.60		3.50
Inst Ethical Ac #	112.10	112.60		3.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	129.60	138.10	- 0.90	1.23
Open Cap Gth Acc	133.70	142.20	- 0.70	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	120.70	128.40	- 0.60	3.09
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	128.00	136.10	- 0.60	3.09
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	125.40	133.40	- 0.60	3.85
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	134.00	142.50	- 0.60	3.85
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
CANDA	310.50	329.30	+ 2.30	1.82
Cash	49.83	50.58	+ 0.01	4.78
Growth Portfolio	90.05	95.80†	+ 0.76	0.13
Income Portfolio	75.01	79.59	+ 0.33	2.86
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 338 6441				
Special Sits	241.50	258.30	+ 1.60	0.29
Dividend	103.00	110.20†	+ 0.50	4.21
Intl Gth & Inc	257.60	275.50†	+ 1.80	2.33
UK & Gen	53.13	56.82	+ 0.29	1.46
Fund of Funds	77.82	83.23	- 0.39	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 6431				
American Smlr Cos	233.70	249.40	+ 3.10	0.13
European Gth	781.00	810.40	+ 4.20	0.59
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.25	58.58	+ 0.19	5.15
-do- Accum	62.72	66.49	+ 0.21	5.15
Far East & Gen	275.40	294.60	+ 3.10	
High Yield #	50.99	53.92	+ 0.19	7.76

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	170.86	180.97	+ 0.18	
Pacific Smlr Cos	230.75	245.83	+ 0.32	
North American	343.51	384.40†	+ 3.82	...
American Smaller	181.01	193.14	+ 2.43	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	167.10	175.90	+ 0.60	4.97
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	130.84	137.00	+ 1.02	1.71
Capital	212.27	222.27	+ 1.99	1.35
Dollar	549.50	575.39	+ 6.45	
Enterprise Gth	455.32	476.77	+ 2.00	0.97
European	286.32	299.81	+ 2.68	0.19
Far East	324.21	339.49†	+ 2.32	0.10
Financial	£11.51	£12.05	+ 8.94	1.47
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.51	27.57†	- 0.03	6.64
High Yield #	117.41	122.94†	+ 0.89	4.77
Income & Growth #	173.65	181.83	+ 1.35	3.48
International	293.53	307.36	+ 3.48	0.20
Japanese General	161.00	168.58†	+ 2.83	
Japan Tech	72.00	75.49†	+ 1.08	
Nat Resources	80.12	83.89	+ 0.66	0.63
Portfolio	88.49	92.65	+ 0.69	1.07
Special Sits	225.63	236.26	+ 1.62	...
UK Emerging Cos	140.60	147.23	+ 0.83	0.69
US Smaller Cos	165.69	173.49	+ 1.11	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	677.90	723.50†	+ 6.80	5.39
UK Growth	753.70	804.40	+11.70	1.41
High Income #	121.80	130.00†	+ 0.70	5.37
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	671.80	716.80	+ 4.60	0.24
European Gwth	154.80	164.50†	+ 2.10	0.14
Japan Gwth	217.80	231.60	+ 3.50	
Japan Smlr Coz	25.83	27.57	- 0.04	
Asian	66.49	70.96†	+ 0.67	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	92.68	98.91	+ 1.02	
Hong Kong Gwth	180.10	192.20	+ 0.80	0.82
Global Bond	20.96	22.13†	+ 0.01	5.02
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	178.60	179.58†	+ 1.90	3.10
Trade Index	137.20	140.60	+ 0.20	2.01
THE FOOTSIE FUND	69.79	70.14†	+ 0.88	2.78
Index Funds-International				
American Index	310.70	312.30	+ 3.80	0.86
Eurotrack 100	207.00	208.00	+ 3.10	1.40
Japan Index	59.68	59.98	+ 1.09	0.12
Tiger Index	195.70	200.70	+ 1.10	0.14
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	54.18	56.39	+ 0.12	1.13
General Funds				
Managed Dist	93.01	96.84	+ 1.24	1.28
Managed	95.94	99.83	+ 1.27	1.28
Perpet Child Fnd	110.60	115.20	+ 1.10	1.90
UK Growth	76.88	79.75	+ 0.65	1.65
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	92.84	98.66†	+ 0.86	5.26
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.23	28.09†	+ 0.01	7.98
UK Inc & Gwth	52.09	54.23	+ 0.48	2.16
UK Income #	405.60	422.30	+ 3.90	4.94
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	67.89	70.21	+ 0.49	
Amer Smlr Cos	168.60	175.50	+ 3.30	
-do- Accum	170.40	177.40	+ 3.40	
Europe Gth	251.50	261.80	+ 3.70	
-do- Accum	260.40	271.10	+ 3.80	
Euro Smaller Cos	47.99	49.96	+ 0.33	
French Growth	101.88	105.70	+ 1.30	0.17
-do- Accum	110.10	114.30	+ 1.50	0.17
H Kong & China	115.10	119.80†	+ 0.70	0.31
Intl Growth	69.71	72.50	+ 0.80	0.36
-do- Accum	71.03	73.87	+ 0.81	0.36
Japan Gth	23.88	24.81	+ 0.47	
-do- Accum	23.88	24.81	+ 0.47	
Japan Smaller Cos	28.52	29.63		
Glob Emg Mkts	98.10	102.20	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	98.89	103.00	+ 0.40	0.11
SE Asia	364.50	379.50	+ 2.50	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.94	52.53	+ 0.14	8.08

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	83.28	88.58	+ 2.13	...
Master Trust	70.14	74.62	- 0.19	1.35
-do- Accum	80.98	86.16	- 0.22	1.35
Millennium Acc	100.60	107.10		2.21
N American Gth	268.30	285.50	+ 3.60	...
-do- Accum	310.50	330.40	+ 4.20	
Mtrs Sm Co Rec	199.20	212.00	+ 2.30	...
-do- Accum	203.30	216.30	+ 2.20	...
Pacific Basin	265.70	282.70	+ 2.00	0.02
-do- Accum	283.00	301.10	+ 2.10	0.02
Safety First Acc	96.90	102.00	+ 0.70	2.27
Dis until 13/1/98 ‡	98.25			
Small Cos Rec	583.50	593.20	...	1.69
-do- Accum	778.40	819.40	+ 0.10	1.69
UK Eq Gth	176.80	188.10	+ 1.50	2.32
UK Eq Inc	138.20	147.10	+ 1.20	2.58
UK Growth	112.80	119.20†	- 0.30	1.64
-do- Accum	141.50	150.70	- 0.50	1.64
Worldwide Gth	355.10	377.80	+ 4.20	0.26
-do- Accum	525.30	558.50	+ 6.30	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	95.58	100.13	+ 1.37	0.80
General	114.05	122.37	+ 0.93	2.80
Income	78.18	83.68	+ 0.62	5.80
International	73.98	79.37	+ 0.77	0.60
Japan	44.43	47.67	+ 0.93	
Tst of Inv Tsts	78.15	83.85	+ 0.15	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Serv/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	555.90	587.00	+ 5.00	0.33
-do- Accum	695.60	734.60	+ 6.30	0.33
Amer Recovery	646.00	683.70	+ 4.60	0.83
-do- Accum	747.00	790.00	+ 5.30	0.83
Amer Smlr Cos	175.00	185.10†	+ 3.20	..
-do- Accum	178.80	189.10†	+ 3.30	
Australasian	218.80	231.50	- 0.70	1.93
-do- Accum	274.90	290.80	- 0.80	1.93
Capital	1031.80	1091.10	+ 4.20	2.74
-do- Accum	1232.00	1302.80	+ 5.00	2.74
Charifund	820.60	828.90	+ 5.60	5.55
-do- Accum	4287.80	4330.50	+26.20	5.55
Commodity	493.60	522.00	- 0.90	0.22
-do- Accum	729.90	771.90	- 1.40	0.22
Compound Gth	1169.80	1237.10	+ 9.40	2.60
-do- Accum	1282.30	1356.60	+10.30	2.60
Corporate Bond	26.38	26.48†	+ 0.15	7.20
Dividend	45.90	48.58	+ 0.30	4.63
-do- Accum	208.00	220.30	+ 1.40	4.63
Equity Income	352.50	372.80	+ 0.50	5.44
-do- Accum	488.80	517.00	+ 0.68	5.44
Euro & General	653.80	691.50†	+ 6.60	0.56
-do- Accum	639.80	688.20†	+ 6.60	0.56
Euro Dividend	84.40	89.39†	+ 0.30	3.70
-do- Accum	108.30	114.80†	+ 0.40	3.70
Euro Smlr Cos	53.10	56.10	+ 0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	53.10	56.10	+ 0.20	0.50
Extra Yield	492.00	520.30	+ 4.00	4.90
-do- Accum	1664.60	1759.90	+13.60	4.90
Fund of Inv Tsts	748.00	789.30	+ 2.30	1.80
-do- Accum	1441.10	1524.00	+ 4.70	1.80
General	72.30	76.50†	+ 0.50	3.81
-do- Accum	217.00	229.60†	+ 1.40	3.81
Gilt Income	63.89	64.89	+ 0.57	6.70
-do- Accum	195.85	197.14	+ 1.76	6.70
Gold	68.50	72.49†	+ 0.30	0.38
-do- Accum	82.20	86.90†	+ 0.40	0.38
High Income	34.80	36.85†	+ 0.20	4.57
-do- Accum	151.50	160.50†	+ 1.20	4.57
Intl Growth	91.10	96.30	+ 0.50	0.61
-do- Accum	161.20	170.40	+ 0.80	0.61
International Inc	114.30	120.90	+ 0.40	4.37
-do- Accum	183.40	194.00	+ 0.60	4.37
Japan & Gen	31.30	33.10	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	33.60	35.50	+ 0.50	..
Japan Smlr Cos	112.50	118.90	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	113.30	119.80	+ 0.30	...
Managed Gwth	27.80	29.30†	+ 0.10	1.60
Managed Income	31.10	32.70	+ 0.20	4.04
Midland	83.80	87.50	+ 0.10	3.10
-do- Accum	224.70	237.80	+ 0.40	3.10
Pension Ex	1126.10	1154.30	+ 6.20	4.09
Recovery	48.70	51.50†	+ 0.20	2.89
-do- Accum	84.50	89.40†	+ 0.30	2.89
Second General	77.90	82.40†	+ 0.10	3.87
-do- Accum	215.50	228.00†	+ 0.30	3.87
Smaller Cos	70.59	74.60	- 0.29	3.42
-do- Accum	146.30	154.60	- 0.40	3.42
Sth East Asia	417.00	441.80	+ 4.40	1.01
-do- Accum	558.50	590.70	+ 5.90	1.01
Treasury	25.07	25.12†	...	5.95

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	142.30	151.40	+ 2.20	1.30
European Growth	139.50	147.90	- 0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	103.50	109.80	+ 0.80	5.05
Income	111.40	118.50	+ 0.90	2.16
Japan Growth	37.97	40.25	- 0.24	
Managed	87.29	92.88	+ 1.41	1.89
Money Market	96.98	102.80		3.91
North American	117.30	124.40	+ 0.80	0.36
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	129.10	137.30	+ 2.00	1.29
European Growth	131.00	138.80	- 0.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.49	103.40	+ 0.70	5.08
Income	109.10	116.10	+ 0.80	2.21
Japan Growth	37.89	40.17	- 0.23	...
Managed	83.38	88.70	+ 0.74	1.87
Money Market	89.36	94.74		3.88
North American	105.60	112.00	+ 0.50	0.44
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	127.80	136.00	+ 2.00	1.29
European Growth	128.20	135.90	- 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	87.22	92.80	+ 0.65	5.33
Income	105.80	112.50	+ 0.90	2.27
Japan Growth	38.73	41.06	- 0.25	...
Managed	85.84	91.32	+ 1.41	1.90
Money Market	81.03	85.89		4.05
North American	118.40	125.60	+ 0.60	0.33
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 888 7171				
American Gwth	505.20	535.20†	+ 6.00	...
European Gth Inc	599.00	640.10†	+ 8.20	..
-do- Accum	605.50	647.80†	+ 8.20	..
Intl Gwth	226.00	240.60	+ 2.40	...
UK Equity Inc	236.70	251.80	+ 1.70	3.65
Do Accum	323.00	343.80	+ 2.30	3.65
UK Ind Tech Inc	208.80	220.70	+ 2.30	2.95
-do- Accum	258.00	273.60	+ 2.60	2.95
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	302.40	320.10	+ 3.70	0.73
Japan Tracker	55.81	58.85	+ 1.01	
Asian Tracker	236.60	253.80	+ 1.50	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	195.30	208.20†	+ 1.10	1.91
Mngd Pfolio Acc	214.30	228.50†	+ 1.30	1.91
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11†	+ 0.01	5.59
Europa	269.00	288.10	+ 2.70	
Genesis	229.80	246.00	+ 8.50	2.27
High Income	20.74	21.89†	+ 0.07	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 000 833				
Acumen	114.80	118.50	+ 0.80	1.67
Acumen Inc	103.40	105.60	+ 0.50	1.67
Acumen Reserve	98.46	99.44†	+ 0.10	6.87
-do- Inc	74.89	75.63†	+ 0.06	6.87
American Growth	75.52	77.24	+ 0.77	..
Equity Income #	111.10	114.00†	+ 0.50	4.19
European	85.32	86.77	+ 0.43	0.28
Smaller Cos	99.05	103.30	- 0.20	1.13
W'wide Eqty	80.53	82.24	+ 0.67	...
Global Bond	42.18	42.83	- 0.02	5.31
UK Growth	122.70	126.20	+ 0.50	1.16
Pacific Growth	130.36	134.20	+ 1.50	0.33
Japan Growth	81.42	82.50	+ 2.39	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	157.03	167.05	+ 1.17	2.53
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0181 839 8262				
UK Growth	96.35	102.50†	+ 1.03	2.02
UK Income	134.40	142.90	+ 1.20	4.12
Higher Income	269.10	276.70†	+ 1.90	4.14
Smaller Cos	111.10	118.10	+ 0.50	1.40
International	115.30	122.60	+ 1.40	1.39
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
America Dist	136.80	144.00†	- 0.30	0.18
European Dist	157.80	166.10	+ 1.10	0.32
Far East Dist	182.50	192.10	- 0.10	..
Global Care Dist	91.23	96.03†	- 0.14	0.32
Oseas Dist	1152.70	1213.40	+ 2.60	0.32
-do- Accum	1498.20	1577.10	+ 3.50	0.32
UK Dist	456.00	480.00	+ 0.49	2.04
-do- Accum	935.10	985.40	+ 0.80	2.04
UK Extra Inc Dist	101.18	106.51	- 0.22	3.63
Wwide Dist	119.49	125.70	..	0.13
Wwide Inc Dist	90.23	94.98	+ 0.08	1.63
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.20	170.50†		1.29
-do- Accum	178.80	190.20		1.29
Technology	737.60	785.00	+ 4.80	
UK Blue Chip	93.94	99.94	+ 1.08	2.96
-do- Accum	110.00	117.00	+ 1.20	2.96
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	47.00	49.70	+ 0.42	1.60
Cash Haven Inc	101.63	102.12†	+ 0.01	4.76
Cash Haven Acc	120.26	120.85	+ 0.01	4.78
Dist Trust Inc	110.05	114.04†	+ 0.76	5.44
Dist Trust Acc	126.56	131.15	+ 0.88	5.44
Global Growth	108.83	115.88†	+ 0.85	1.15
Equity Inc	95.24	101.32†	+ 0.49	4.35
Equity	943.90	£10.04	+ 9.24	2.25
European	284.23	294.54	+ 4.88	0.76
High Income	98.38	104.65†	+ 1.38	4.83
Intl Gth	226.65	241.44	+ 2.76	0.94
Intl Sm Co	98.14	104.40	+ 0.78	0.46
Japanese	165.06	172.08	+ 3.32	..
Mgd Income Tst #	48.55	50.00	...	7.50
Nth Amer	250.88	268.22	+ 8.03	1.22
Pacific Wide	120.08	124.45†	- 0.01	0.51
Premier Inc	48.78	50.77	+ 0.33	6.54
Sm Cos	116.81	124.27	+ 0.86	1.69
Spec Sits	135.75	144.41†	+ 1.01	2.61
UK Growth	159.39	169.56	+ 1.62	2.25
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 487 5666				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	90.44	95.10	+ 0.07	3.61
Investment Trust	120.80	127.02	+ 0.11	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	119.97	126.15†	- 0.04	1.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	360.00	381.80	+ 2.90	2.90
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 928 1080				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	714.30	759.43	+ 9.47	...
America (Acc)	836.95	888.66	+11.11	
Amer Smlr Cos	64.82	69.09	+ 0.50	
Asia	56.45	60.57	+ 0.44	..
European	436.07	462.28	+ 4.35	0.29
Japan	183.15	194.76	+ 3.70	
Jap Smlr Cos	31.32	33.45	- 0.06	
Major UK Cos	127.77	136.02†	+ 1.36	1.59
Smlr UK Cos	436.98	474.82	- 1.83	0.95
UK Equity Inc #	197.68	211.17	+ 0.77	4.18
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	53.54	55.91†	- 0.42	
Cash	48.15	50.14†		2.84
Emerging Mkts	50.13	52.35†	+ 0.08	..
Europe	64.11	68.95†	- 0.62	
Global Fixed Int #	49.72	51.92†	- 0.01	5.34
Japan	33.51	34.99†	+ 0.11	
North America	72.19	75.38†	+ 0.20	
UK	69.59	72.67†	- 0.27	0.46
UK Equity Inc #	65.04	67.92†	- 0.26	3.58
UK Fixed Int #	51.71	54.00†	- 0.02	7.67
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	52.71	54.62	- 0.17	
Pep Inc Port #	53.03	54.95	- 0.14	3.98
BAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	91.50	95.31	+ 0.02	
Gilt	105.25	110.78	+ 0.31	
Managed	123.75	130.25	+ 0.95	...
Portfolio	52.11	54.85	- 0.21	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	128.40	136.80	- 1.20	0.31
Pacific Basin	79.68	84.83	- 0.09	0.30
High Inc Dist	172.60	184.10	- 0.40	3.65
Ryl Life Int Curr	65.30	69.62	- 0.06	3.80
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	78.75	83.92	+ 0.23	0.09
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.55	77.18	- 0.07	...
UK Emerging Cos	150.80	160.00	- 0.20	1.27
UK Index Trckg	211.10	224.30		3.55
European	179.00	191.60	- 1.40	0.17
Managed	189.10	203.30†	- 0.30	0.97
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	206.09	218.90†	+ 0.90	1.12
European Growth	142.40	150.80	- 0.60	1.86

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	354.70	378.30	- 0.50	2.45
Europe Inc	478.70	510.60	- 0.50	0.28
Nth Amer Inc	342.70	366.60	+ 2.60	...
Global Inc	254.90	271.50	+ 0.90	...
Global Acc	275.50	293.80	+ 1.10	
UK Spec Sits Inc	143.20	152.80	- 0.50	1.57
South East Asia	232.80	248.30	+ 1.20	0.12
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60		5.23
UK Smll Cos Inc	132.70	141.50		1.57
-do- Accum	139.50	148.80	+ 0.10	1.57
Intl Bond Inc	88.54	94.00		5.15
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	167.90	176.70†	+ 1.60	0.44
Nth American	153.80	161.90†	+ 1.70	
Intl Bond & Curr	129.40	136.20†		6.45
Pooled Pension (X)	246.50	265.00	+ 2.29	1.91
Smaller Cos	127.80	134.30	+ 0.10	0.87
UK General #	178.40	187.80	+ 1.30	2.00
Far Eastern	90.86	95.64	+ 1.15	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	93.12	98.41†	+ 0.54	0.93
Global Gwth	80.26	85.02	+ 0.58	1.18
Inv Tst Port	59.09	63.75	+ 0.70	2.41
Managed	£13.78	£14.45†		1.60
Prof Inc #	108.90	115.80†	+ 0.10	5.75
Smaller Cos	279.90	303.70†	- 1.80	0.85
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.38		+ 0.41	4.48
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.56		+ 0.02	5.02
Corporate Inc ‡	104.02		+ 0.26	5.16
Tst Pen ‡	115.63		+ 0.68	
Amer ‡	71.88		+ 0.52	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	137.13		+ 0.97	..
European ‡	160.22		+ 2.78	
Global Bond ‡	88.32		+ 0.05	7.79
Samurai ‡	47.88		+ 0.44	..
UK Growth ‡	113.26		+ 0.31	2.54
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	110.00		- 1.27	2.56
Investment Trust ‡	115.01		+ 0.72	1.45
The Football Fd ‡	95.69			
Reserve Roll Up ‡	96.80			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	458.20	485.80	+ 0.30	
Capital	151.10	161.50		1.01
Cash	101.50	101.50	+ 0.01	5.41
European	171.80	181.70	+ 0.30	0.52
Far Eastern	152.30	161.00	- 2.00	
Growth	176.30	186.50	- 0.80	1.12
Income #	147.20	156.70	- 0.20	4.86
Magnum	158.60	169.50†	- 0.40	1.04
Smlr Secs	589.30	623.50	- 3.80	0.32
Thoroughbred	185.30	198.20†	- 0.30	1.03
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cntrld Princes	60.00	64.13	+ 0.05	7.00
Ethical	86.46	92.47	+ 0.45	0.88
European Growth	85.69	90.13	+ 1.35	0.42
Income	65.39	69.84	+ 0.69	3.25
Intl Growth	113.30	120.00	+ 1.20	0.07
Managed	95.96	101.70	+ 1.30	0.56
UK Growth	82.28	88.00	+ 0.76	1.28
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 39 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.02	48.27	- 0.10	1.13
Global Advtg Acc	52.35	52.62	- 0.10	1.13
Income Advtg Inc	38.19	38.39†	- 0.10	2.58
Income Advtg Acc	44.93	45.16	- 0.10	2.58
UK Equity Gth Acc	111.30	118.00	- 0.10	0.85
Premier Inc Inc	49.98	52.61†		7.12
Premier Inc Acc	54.33	57.19		7.12
Managed Acc	66.83	70.84	- 0.10	1.48
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	43.93	46.57	- 0.20	3.56
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	58.56	62.08	- 0.20	3.56
UK Smlr Cos Acc		50.00		
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	84.46	89.74		1.78
UK Equity Gen Inc	60.48	64.26		1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.22	34.08		6.34
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	358.90	380.50	- 0.60	1.36
Nth American Acc	61.58	65.44	+ 0.40	
Pacific Basin	46.79	49.72	- 0.50	0.18

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Value Gwth	112.20	118.20	+ 1.30	2.07
Hy 5 Europe	105.20	110.40	+ 1.50	2.11
Sister Gwth	199.10	212.40	- 0.20	0.56
New Japan	79.65	84.01	+ 0.34	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	216.70	232.60†	+ 3.60	..
Income #	232.22	247.04†	+ 1.37	4.33
UK Growth	90.99	95.79†	+ 0.48	1.80
Intl Growth	88.93	92.47†	+ 0.32	0.45
Ecology	109.35	116.32	+ 1.23	0.87
European	220.906	234.58†	+ 0.71	0.56
Far Eastern	301.40	320.60†	+ 3.20	..
UK Special Sits	58.38	62.27	+ 0.17	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	104.12	110.78	+ 1.20	0.64
Intl Bond	63.17	66.36	+ 0.31	4.83
Intl Equity Growth	85.60	91.08	+ 0.94	0.60
N Amer Growth	147.84	157.05	+ 1.75	0.77
Special Sits Growth	29.77	31.67	+ 0.24	1.98
UK Growth	491.94	523.34	+ 4.66	2.51
-do- Accum	679.31	722.67	+ 6.44	2.51
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1444.90	1487.90		2.90
Income #	1049.30	1066.10†	...	4.00

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■ FILM 1

Child in distress: *Welcome to the Dollhouse* charts the humiliations of a bullied little girl

■ FILM 2

A distinguished cast enlivens a man's search for his biological parents in *Flirting With Disaster*

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■ FILM 3

Tom Hanks's *That Thing You Do!* charts the rise and fall of a one-hit pop group in the early 1960s

■ FILM 4

Michael J. Fox plays a bogus psychic given a real scare in the disappointing *The Frighteners*

CINEMA: Not all ugly ducklings become swans, says *Welcome to the Dollhouse*. **Geoff Brown** is moved

Laugh, that you may not weep

She is not your conventional movie heroine. Eleven years old, she sports thick glasses, sloping shoulders, unwieldy hair and pendulous lips; her preferred form of dress is an awful pink cardigan complemented by a flower print skirt. "Why do you hate me?" she asks a schoolmate. "Because you're ugly."

Do you laugh or cry? Todd Solondz's compelling and unsettling comedy **Welcome to the Dollhouse** encourages us to do both as it contemplates poor Diane Wiener in her first year at Benjamin Franklin Junior High. The setting is suburban New Jersey, Solondz's stamping ground, and it is clear he has put a lot of his own remembered torments and humiliations into the script.

Nobody likes Diane. Schoolmates cover her locker with graffiti. The class bully gives notice that she'll be raped at three o'clock. Teachers give her the cold shoulder. So do her parents, far more enamoured of their younger daughter, Missy, forever pirouetting in a tutu. Diane, indeed, is not particularly lovable; and it says much for Solondz and his plucky young player, Heather Matarazzo, that they continue to engage our sympathy for this ungainly, petulant, self-loathing outcast embarking on the hell of puberty.

Solondz is a New York University Film School graduate, whose credits embrace several comic shorts and one barely seen feature, *Fear, Anxiety and Depression*. Like Woody Allen, Solondz knows how to make capital from his own phobias and sense of inadequacy. Unlike Allen, he takes risks, going beyond sophisticated chatter to face the totems and taboos of a North American childhood.

Welcome to the Dollhouse
Renoir, 15, 87 mins
Unsettling comic look at puberty

Flirting With Disaster
Warner West End
15, 90 mins
Lively black satire about family ties

That Thing You Do!
Warner West End
PG, 100 mins
Bland nostalgia from Tom Hanks

The Frighteners
Plaza, 15, 110 mins
Director Peter Jackson takes a step backwards

Like Grains of Sand
ICA Cinema, 124 mins
Piercing Japanese drama about adolescence

In the opening seconds we gaze into a family portrait, all smiles. The rest of the film wipes the smiles away as we wrestle with uncomfortable truths, usually blanketed in American cinema. Parents do not always love their offspring, or love each one equally. Some children are monsters. And life does not always get better: no matter how resilient she is, no rainbow lies around the corner for gawky Diane.

"The film is a comedy," Solondz says, "because that is the only way I know how to deal with excruciating torment." The precarious balance struck between pain and laughter keeps you riveted. Once seen, you don't forget *Welcome to the Dollhouse*.

Brendan Sexton Jr and Heather Matarazzo in Todd Solondz's compelling and unsettling rite-of-passage comedy, *Welcome to the Dollhouse*

Like Solondz, fellow American independent film-maker David O. Russell has an enviable gift for making light of uncomfortable situations. He made *Spanking the Monkey*, that disturbing comedy about incest. Russell remains obsessed with family ties: **Flirting With Disaster** concerns a young man's hunt for his biological parents.

The journey takes him from New York across to San Diego, up to Michigan, down to New Mexico, accompanied by his wife, their new baby, and an adoption agency psychologist bent on documenting the happy reunion. Surprises lurk at every turn, and the jokes tumble out with an ease that indicates the cast's high spirits, or improvisation skills, or both.

The cast, indeed, is extraordinary. Only a genuinely funny script could have attracted veterans such as Mary Tyler Moore, George Segal, Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin: these are among the parental figures who trip up the hero with different neuroses and lifestyles. The man with a mission is Ben Stiller, who is far better off playing uncertain young professionals than he is directing *The Cable Guy*. Even Patricia Arquette comes up trumps as the wife bemused by the journey's surprises, such as the sudden arrival of an old school friend with a passion for licking her armpits.

The film is a lighter affair than *Spanking the Monkey*. It is also more conventional, and the mechanics of farce begin to poke through once the troupe arrive at Alda and Tomlin's hippy paradise in New Mexico. But there is still plenty of offbeat hilarity en route. When visiting your newly discovered mother, what do you say when you spy a framed drawing of Ronald Reagan? What face do you pull when you destroy her glass animal display, or realise you might have been conceived in a liquor warehouse in Baton Rouge? It's great fun finding out.

Forced to imagine a film written and directed by Tom Hanks, you might very well dream up **That Thing You Do!**. The film smiles at us. It celebrates and mourns innocence, and is set in early 1964, when the Beatles appeared on *the Ed Sullivan Show* and galvanised a country still in shock over Kennedy's assassination. It is charming, or tries to be. And it is never, for one moment, exciting.

Hanks plays a subsidiary role in this tale of a pop group that achieves one hit and self-destructs: he appears as the executive at Play-Tone Records, orchestrating the group's brief success from behind dark glasses. But you can also spot Hanks in the cheery demeanour of Tom Everett Scott's Guy Patterson, the appliance store salesman in Erie, Pennsylvania, who deputises for a local band's drummer and kick-starts their rise to fame.

At first the group is called the Oneders. The spelling is then changed to the Wonders. They have a hit, *That Thing You Do!*. They go on tour. They reach California, make a movie, and then disintegrate. The plot is small enough to fit on a matchbox, although you could never use it to light a fire: the film's blandness is overwhelming.

Characterisations are either wispy or over-simplified. In the case of the band members, they have their songs to carry them (all numbers are newly composed, however dated they sound). But with Liv Tyler, the group's tagalong fan and girlfriend, there are only smiles and awkward speeches. "I have wasted thousands and thousands of kisses on you!" she bleats when she gives songwriter Johnathon Schaech the air.

As director, Hanks risks little, apart from shooting one scene from inside a washing machine. His simple approach may be appropriate to his warm-hearted tale, although a bolder hand and a sharper edge might have disguised the vacuity and dramatic torpor that seriously reduce the film's appeal. So what precisely is that thing you do? Yawn, most likely.

The Frighteners expects an audience to switch at the drop of a hat from shrieking with fear to chortling with glee. This is not easy; especially when the story is garbled and the central character, a swindling exorcist played by Michael J. Fox, remains so unsympathetic.

Peter Jackson's previous film, the imaginative *Heavenly Creatures*, suggested that this horror aficionado was finally leaving juvenile pranks behind. *The Frighteners*, filmed in New Zealand but bankrolled by Hollywood, indicates that the man has regressed. Walls and ceilings bulge with shapes from the beyond. An army of ectoplasm runs riot, chattering, complaining, being grotesque. The Hollywood budget ensures smooth special effects, but does nothing to stop the jokes falling flat or the script blundering between moods as Fox's bogus psychic tumbles upon a supernatural killing spree.

Relief arrives with **Like Grains of Sand**, a piercingly sensitive, exquisitely made Japanese film about the confusions of love and sexual identity among high-school students. This contains the week's most striking sequence: a beautifully sustained scene in which the hero, Shuji, declares his affections and begs a kiss and a hug from his best male friend, Hiroyuki, who stands to attention, stiff but obliging while flames of passion flicker around him.

The camera stays still, transfixed by the human drama. Throughout, the director Ryosuke Hashiguchi refuses to be sidetracked by superfluous details. There are no showy settings: this is a tale set in classrooms, corridors, lavatories, band rehearsals. Hashiguchi also avoids undue melodrama, although melodrama is frequently invited by the story about a triangular relationship between the two boys and a new girl pupil.

The film is slightly overlong at more than two hours, but it does not pay to be inattentive: blink, and you might miss the tender glimpse of a hand caressing a beloved's footprint in the sand.

SNAP VERDICT

Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest releases . . .

☐ *THE FRIGHTENERS*

Richard Matthews, 20: Fast, funny and frightening. Michael J. Fox and the effects are great, while the lurches between comedy and horror are often unsettling.

Sophie Forte, 19: A visual thrill but, with a huge lack of psychological detail, it only just held my attention and would have been better as a cartoon.

Michael Brett, 22: At last, a funny horror film that makes death frightening again, with an over-the-edge, masterful turn by Jeffrey Combs as an absurdly *X-Files* FBI agent.

☐ *THAT THING YOU DO!*

Richard: The 1960s without the sex, drugs and Vietnam; just goes to show what real rock'n'roll is all about. Nice but bland — rather like Tom Hanks himself.

Sophie: I expected a dodgy, *Doors*-style psychedelic B-movie, so *That Thing You Do!* pleasantly surprised me. The morality of the film must be applauded, even if it is rather simplistic and dated.

Michael: Hard to hate, but so light you're afraid to breathe in case it blows away. It also has an annoyingly catchy tune that I couldn't stop singing all the way home.

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First night at the National for Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*

VENUE: From tonight at the Lyttelton

■ CHOICE 2

The spirit of bygone luvvies is evoked in *Noel and Gertie*

VENUE: From tonight at the Wolsey, Ipswich

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■ CHOICE 3

John Adams conducts the Hallé Orchestra in his own music

VENUE: Bridewater Hall, Manchester, tonight

■ NEW VIDEOS

Mike Leigh's absorbing and award-winning *Secrets & Lies* comes to the small screen

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by *Gillian Maxey*

LONDON

BARBICAN CELEBRITY RECITAL: The season of virtuoso repertoires opens with the popular baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky**, accompanied by Mikhail Arkadiev on the piano, singing Italian arias and works by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov. The second of seven recitals will be given by the pianist Joanna MacGregor on February 2.
Barbican, *Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891)*. Tonight, 7.30pm.

FASCINATING AIDA Together again, the three bright girls dart their beady eyes and pointed tongues at the big, wide, ridiculous world.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). *Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm.* (Note: on February 14, there will be two "Singles Night" performances, at 7pm and 9pm). Until February 15.

THE HOMECOMING: Pinter's unnerving comedy, set in a north London house where David Bradley's bullying Max leads the struggle to possess his eldest son's wife (Lindsay Duncan). *Roger Michell directs.*
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm. *Then Fri and Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm.* In rep.

ELSEWHERE

EXETER: The Winter's Tale joins *Ghosts* in the Method & Madness touring repertoire. The company includes Alexandra Mathie, Raad Rawi, *Marty Cruickshank and Penny Layden*; Mike Alfreds directs.
Northcott, Stocker Road (01392 493493). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then *Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 8pm.* Until February 8. Next in **Canterbury**, *Marlowe (01227 787787), February 11-13.* **Halifax**, *Victoria* (01422 351158), February 18-22.

IPSWICH Simon Green and Susie Blake star as Noël Coward and Gertrude *Lawrence in Sheridan Morley's* sophisticated entertainment, **Noel and Gertie**. Directed by Malcolm McKee.
Wolsey, *Civic Drive* (01473 253725). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Until February 8.

MANCHESTER: John Adams celebrates his 50th birthday conducting the **Hallé Orchestra** in a programme of his own works, including *Slonimsky's Earbox* and Harmonielehre. Kurt Nikkanen joins the orchestra for Adams's Violin Concerto.
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm.

SWINDON: Travelling Opera presents two performances of Verdi's tragic love story, **La traviata** *(tonight and tomorrow)*. Penelope Shaw sings the role of Violetta, in a revival directed by *Peter Knapp. On Saturday*, Giles Block directs a performance of **Don Giovanni**, with James Meek in the lead role, *Andrew Forbes as Leporello and* Melanie Wall as Donna Anna. Also, there is an opportunity for students aged 11 and over to gain an **Insight into Opera** *with the Travelling Opera Trust's* education project, tomorrow at 1.30pm.
Wyvern, Theatre Square (01793 524481). *Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm* 🅂

LONDON GALLERIES

Angela Flowers Lucy Jones; Terry *Frost: Monoprints (0181-985 3333)*. **Anthony d'Offay** Grayson Perry (0171-499 4100). **Curwen** Bernard *Dunstan (0171-636 1459)*. **Goethe-Institut** Raoul Hausmann: Photographic Works 1927-1957 (0171-411 3400). **Hayward** Howard Hodgkin: Paintings (0171-928 3144). **Museum of London** Half the Sky: Chinese Women in London (0171-600 0807). **Redfern** Still Life and Interior (0171-734 1732). **RIBA Heinz** *Twentieth-Century British Churches* (0171-580 5533). **Royal Academy** Braque: The Late Works (0171-439 7438). **Tate** Works from the Ted Power Collection (0171-887 8000).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ▨ Some seats available
- ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BEEF, NO CHICKEN** Derek *Walcott's 1970s farce, set in Trinidad* where a new motorway threatens Otto Hogan's Auto-Repair and Authentic Roti *Shop. Yvonne Brewster directs for* Talawa Theatre Co.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 2pm, and Sat, 4pm.

■ **FAMILY CIRCLES** Early Ayckbourn: three sisters who change *partners for each new scene, showing* that marriage can be hazardous whoever you choose.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat today, 2.30pm; Sat 4pm.

☐ **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR:** *Restored theatre, revived show, the* theatre after 56 years, the show back to celebrate its 25th anniversary.
Lyceum, Wellington Street, WC2 (0171-656 1807, booking fee). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR** Neil Simon's funny account of *working among a team of scriptwriters* for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

☐ **NEW TERRITORIES** A journey of *self-discovery from Hong Kong to* English public school; sexual awakening, culture clash, etc. Written and directed by David Tse, who recently *staged the delicate House of the Sleeping Beauties* at Leicester.
Oval House, 52 Kennington Oval, SE11 (0171-582 7680). *Thurs-Sun*, 8pm. Until January 26.

☐ **PAPER HUSBAND** Veronica Clifford and David Fielder in the first play *by Lebanese novelist Hanan Al-Shaykh*: a Moroccan villager's all-out attempt to find the surest way to stay in England. *Gemma Bodinetz directs.*
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Previews from *tonight, 8pm. Opens Jan 27, 7pm.* Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **THE SHIFT** Andy Lavender's production uses slide and video *technology for Clare Bayley's* exploration of crises in the lives of three women in 1947, 1968 and 1997.
Young Vic Studio, *The Cut*, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

☐ **SHOWSTOPPER** Dan Rebellato's *comedy based on the working life of* Marni Nixon, the Hollywood dubbing queen who provided the singing voice of Audrey Hepburn and others who couldn't reach the right notes. Sarah Frankcom directs Jackie Clune, *ironically best known as The Voice of Karen Carpenter.*
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 *(0171-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri* and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until Feb 1.

▨ **TALKING HEADS** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two *monologues by Alan Bennett.*
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs *3pm and Sat, 5pm.*

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800). ▨ **By Jeeves**: *Lyric (0171-494 5045)*. ▨ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072). ▨ **An Ideal Husband**: Old Vic (0171-*928 7616*). ▨ ***Les Misérables***: Palace (0171-434 0909). ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020). ☐ **Miss Saigon**: *Drury Lane (0171-494 5400)*. ▨ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054). ▨ **Sunset Boulevard**: *Adelphi (0171-344 0055)*. ☐ **Tommy**: Shaftesbury (0171-379 5399). ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune *(0171-836 2238)*.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE GHOST AND THE DARKNESS** (15) Man-eating East African lions cause trouble for Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas.
Empire (0990-888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 *(0990 888990)* ***Virgins: Chelsea*** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031)

PICTURE BRIDE (12) Timorous *period drama about arranged marriages* in Hawaii. With Youki Kudoh.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **THE PREACHER'S WIFE** (U) Antiquated Christmas whimsy in modern *packaging, with Denzel Washington,* Whitney Houston and Courtney Vance. Director, Penny Marshall.
Odeons: Kensington *(0181-315 4214)* **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** *(0181-315 4221)* **Ritzy** *(0171-737 2121)* **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

WALKING AND TALKING (15) Emotional adventures of young New Yorkers. Pleasant if flimsy American indie, directed by Nicole Holofcener. With Catherine Keener, Anne Heche.
Everyman (0171-435 1525) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ ***EVITA (PG):*** *Madonna sings with* passion, but production overkill plays havoc with Lloyd Webber's rock opera. *With Antonio Banderas, Jonathan Pryce.* Directed by Alan Parker.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** 🅂 *(0171-638 8891)* **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** *(0181-315 4221)* **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5095) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ ***THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES*** (PG): Barbra Streisand directs and stars in this absurd, glossy comedy-romance about teachers experimenting with a sexless marriage. With Jeff Bridges.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) ***Leicester Square*** *(0181-315 4215)* **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 *(0990 888990)* **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ ***SLEEPERS*** *(15) Reform school* inmates avenge themselves on a sadistic guard. Overblown tale with an *impressive cast (Kevin Bacon, Brad Pitt,* Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman). Director, Barry Levinson.
ABCs: Baker Street *(0171-935 9772)*, **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-*498 3323*) ***Odeons: Kensington*** *(0181-*315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) ***Ritzy*** *(0171-737 2121)* ***UCI Whiteleys*** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** 🅂 *(0171-434 0031)* **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ ***SOME MOTHER'S SON*** (15): Powerful fictional story inspired by the Maze Prison hunger strike, with Helen Mirren. Director, Terry George.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** *(0171-434 0031)* **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

Lives of not-quite desperation

NEW ON VIDEO

Timothy Spall and the Golden Globe-winning Brenda Blethyn in Mike Leigh's heart-tugging *Secrets & Lies*

■ SECRETS & LIES

Film Four, 15, 1996

CLAUSTROPHOBIC suburban lives are Mike Leigh's speciality, and in this uneven, overpraised, but still absorbing film he treats them with a new degree of compassion. Brenda Blethyn wins our sympathy as the mother faced with a skeleton from the past — the black daughter she gave up for adoption. A pity this character remains a cipher; a pity others remain caricatures. With *Timothy Spall and Marianne Jean-Baptiste.* Available to rent.

■ FEAST OF JULY

Buena Vista, 15, 1996

H.E. BATES did not just write bucolic comedy, he also wrote the source material for this tragic love story set in late Victorian England. America's Embeth Davidtz is decent enough as the unlucky girl jilted by the caddish Greg Wise, but the best contribution comes from composer Zbigniew Preisner, who clouds the English pastoral setting with Central European fear and trembling. Director, Christopher Menaul. Available to rent.

■ MARY REILLY

Columbia TriStar, 15, 1996

CAN that be Julia Roberts down on her knees, scrubbing a Victorian pavement and attempting an Irish accent? Matters get stranger still as this botched reworking of the Jekyll and Hyde tale proceeds. Nobody onscreen realises *the two gents are one, although both* are clearly John Malkovich. The film desperately needs some ironic humour; but all you get are ponderous symbols, overwrought music and unintended laughs. Director, Stephen Frears. Available to rent.

■ A MONTH BY THE LAKE

Buena Vista, PG, 1996

THE small screen seems the best place *for this genteel period comedy, based* on an *H. E. Bates story*, about love among the middle-aged English on Lake Como. Vanessa Redgrave strides around, a plucky spinster in the long hot summer of 1937, whose interest is piqued by a new hotel guest, Edward Fox. His eyes, however, are drawn to the miscast Uma Thurman, a mischievous nanny. The film's best use is as a holiday advertisement. Available to rent.

■ SINCE YOU WENT AWAY

Cinema Club, U, 1944

SLICK and whopping — nearly three hours long — David O. Selznick production very much geared to wartime audiences and dedicated to "that fortress — the American home". Claudette Colbert is the head of the wholesome family coping with life while the husband (who never appears, except in a photograph) is fighting overseas. Director John Cromwell and a crack technical team endow such sentimental material with taste and restraint.

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The Intermezzo Concertante for tuba and orchestra is from Holmboe's later period (1987), and proved to be his last work with a brass soloist. While offering the habitual measure of intellectual rigour, the four pieces together make an attractive programme.

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The two most substantial works, Fauré's "cycle" of Verlaine settings, *La bonne chanson*, and Ravel's *Cinq mélodies populaires grecques*, are not, strangely enough, the most resonant performances. Holzmair leaves it just a little too much to his pianist to animate the detail of Fauré's songs: there are times when he *just fails to keep the vocal line* alive, *supple* and *subtle* though it is in its shaping.

Where the intimacy of Holzmair's soft-grained baritone and feeling for language come into their own is in the smaller, more introspective songs. The late *Mirages* of Fauré are particularly sensitively recreated, and the melodic innocence of Duparc's *Sérénade* is every bit as affecting as the *luxe, calme et volupte* of *L'invitation au voyage.*

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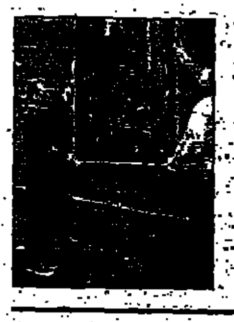

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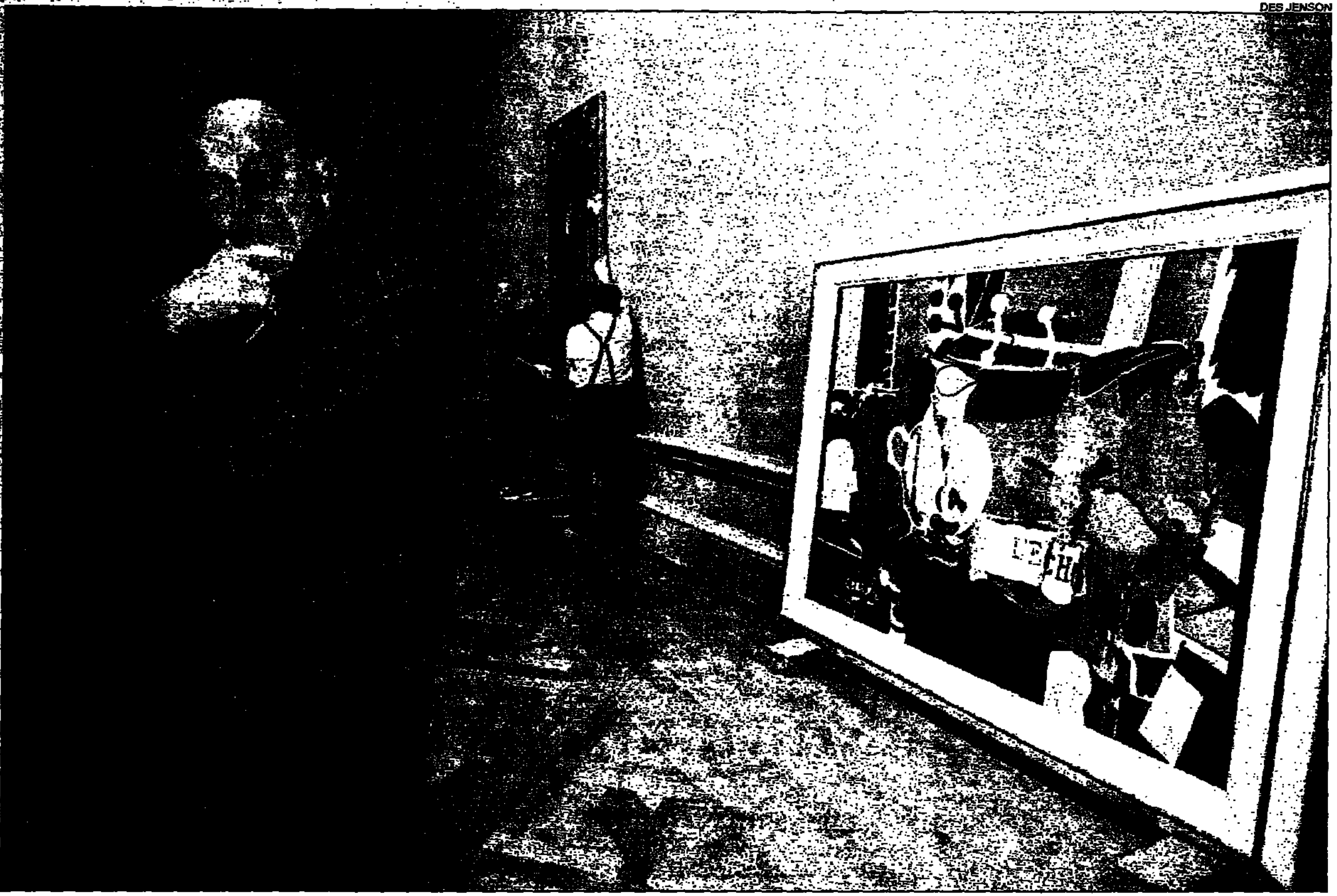
DES JENSON

John Golding supervises the hanging of exhibits: "Braque takes more looking at than any artist you can think of. We are putting benches in the big room so that people can sit"

Braque described his close artistic relationship with Picasso between 1909 and 1914, when the two were working on the creation of Cubism, as being "rather like mountaineers roped together". Although the two artists then went their separate ways, Braque's reputation has remained roped both to Picasso and to Cubism.

The exhibition that opens today at the Royal Academy, *Braque: The Late Works*, seeks to bring Braque out from Picasso's shadow. There has not been a major exhibition of Braque in this country since 1956. The painter and art historian John Golding, who is the curator of this new show, says that Braque is consequently "a big unknown, particularly his late work — even in France people don't know about it".

> ❛ He showed me round his studio but I was shy and didn't talk ❜

While the early Cubist works fragmented and faceted objects in a revolutionary way, Braque spent the last 20 years of his life experimenting with the pleating and folding of space. Golding says: "Braque took conclusions from Cubism that were very different from Picasso's. Picasso had a desire to possess things in their entirety, and Cubism allowed him to seize the object. Braque was not possessive at all — for him Cubism was space. Objects only interested him in so far as they set up a dialogue."

Much of Braque's late work was painted in series and within the boundaries of a single theme — his studio interior, birds, billiard tables. Golding laments that four major works are missing from the show but says that with six out of eight from the Atelier Studio series, "we have done better than anyone has ever done before. Braque was a very private person, which perhaps is why his work has always appealed to a particularly reticent kind of collector who doesn't want to lend. Many collectors have refused to part with works."

The walls of the Academy are covered in a soft, pale greyish-green cloth, chosen by Golding to bring out the warmth in the paintings. The canvases are placed far apart. "The pictures are so full of space themselves that they jostle if hung too close," says Golding. They are also demanding in that "Braque takes more looking at than any artist you can think of. We are putting benches in the big room so that people can sit and look for as long as they like."

The first gallery is hung with wartime pictures, mostly still-lifes of Braque's house and studio in Paris to which he returned in 1940. "They are very subdued," says Golding, "which sets the tone for the exhibition. It is during the war that Braque moves into his final manner and it is very contemplative, even rather sad." Outstanding among these, *The Stove* with an empty coal bucket on the floor, and *Large Interior with Palette*, painted in shades of khaki, evoke the drabness of wartime Paris.

A room of still-lifes charts the evolution of Braque's style "from decorative to spiritual metaphysics" exploring the nature of reality, says Golding. Golding's favourite is *The Double Bouquet*. If he could own a Braque, this is the one he would choose. "The line down the middle shows no reality is ultimate: everything has its counterpart and alternative." The distinct outlines of the brightly lit vase and table on the right seem to be separated by a thin door from a similar but shadowy and softer scene on the left. In some of the paintings, such as *The Two Windows*, it is hard to make out what the objects are, but Golding says that is not important. "Braque didn't necessarily want the objects in his pictures to be identified, they are meditations and mysteries."

The huge third room in which the series of Billiard Tables and Ateliers are hung has all the experimental monochromes on one wall, and the brighter canvases opposite. "The climax of the Atelier series is number 8," says Golding. "It marks the moment when he comes out of his monochrome period. Braque felt he had put a lifetime's experience into *Studio VIII*," which is coloured and fragmented like a stained glass window.

Nobody knows what attracted Braque to billiard tables, which in his paintings he bends and angles both horizontally and vertically. "They are so intractable, such ugly objects that perhaps it was a challenge to render them in terms of deliquescent space," Golding suggests.

The birds and landscapes have the last room to themselves. "Braque had two serious illnesses in the 1940s, and the Birds are farewells in a sense," says Golding. In *Composition with Stars* (hung with the Studio Atelier series), where a great yellow bird is stepping down from the canvas on the easel and the unresolved chaos of shapes and colours gives way above to a night sky with stars, Golding believes that Braque was thinking very much about death. Although Braque claimed that the birds did not symbolise anything, Golding feels they came to represent the creative process.

"The Birds travel only horizontally, not upwards. He wanted a space that he could chart, not infinity." The birds also proved a way of making landscape space graspable. The landscapes were largely painted from snapshots that Braque took while being driven between his home in Varangeville in Normandy, and Paris.

In the spring of 1956, shortly after Golding's book on Cubism had been published, he was taken to meet Braque in Varangeville. "He was a wonderful looking man, especially his head, and beautifully dressed. He showed me round his studio but I was shy and we didn't talk much. Braque had a wry, slightly peasanty slant on life and everything he said was very pondered. He loved poetry. His own meditations are deeply poetic and he owed a lot to Pascal. Today Braque is a cult figure among artists but it is very hard to point to evidence of a direct influence, it tends to be more of a philosophical influence.

"I have been very influenced by Braque in my painting," Golding says. "I try to fold light in my pictures in the way Braque folds space."

- *Braque runs until April 6 at the Royal Academy (0171-439 7438)*

Spud you'll like

TO JUDGE by the press build-up for John Hegley's new show, *Dancing with Potatoes*, audiences could have been forgiven for thinking, or fearing, that he was about to reinvent himself as a one-man Ballet Rambert. Rest assured that his newfound interest in choreography still takes second place to verbal dexterity.

In fact, *Dancing with Words* would be a much better title for his display. Hegley has such an artful way with language that it seems unfair to label him a mere comedian. Better, perhaps, to think of his performance as a poetry reading with comic interludes.

What makes his humour particularly appealing is its sense of being grounded in real life and real experiences, rather than the latest Gold Blend commercial. In his mock-solemn dance excursions, a potato held daintily aloft in one hand, Hegley can be as ironic and postmodern as any of his peers on the comedy circuit. But time after time we found ourselves stubbing our toe against a painful childhood memory or a surreal account of a conversation half-overheard on a bus or train.

COMEDY

Dancing with Potatoes
Bloomsbury

Hearing him intone his verse, I could not help being reminded of the wonderful Betjeman travelogues currently being aired on Channel 4. Hegley's writing may not possess the same formal depth, but he shares a similar delight in mundane detail and the cramped landscape of domestic life.

The desultory pace of the show's first half proved a slight drawback in a venue as large as the Bloomsbury. When you are too far away to see the eyes glinting behind the spectacles, some of the tension and spontaneity is almost certain to be dissipated. The longer set-pieces — one a surreal monologue about a journey through an enchanted dog kennel and an encounter with a wanton Joan of Arc — were bound to be hit-and-miss affairs, too.

But, however unresolved the material appeared to be at times, Hegley maintained momentum with well-judged detours into affectionate pop song pastiche, accompanied at the guitar by the glum and uncommunicative "Nigel". The equally deadpan Tony Curtis joined in on brief sequences which were an expressionist blend of morris dancing and Twyla Tharp.

CLIVE DAVIS

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Spirit of Schubert lives on

SCHUBERT is being copiously celebrated in his bicentennial year. But few of the festivities are likely to be as enterprising as the programmes Gidon Kremer will be touring to Amsterdam, Paris, Cologne and London. With characteristic vision he is putting Schubert's music alongside commissioned new pieces, making for a fascinatingly diverse set of responses to the Schubertian spirit.

The first of the Barbican concerts featured the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen in enjoyable new works from Sofia Gubaidulina and Alexander Vustin. *Impromptu* may not be Gubaidulina's most personal statement, and at 15 minutes it was perhaps too long for what it had to say. But it is music packed with witty juxtapositions of a motto theme, taken from Schubert's A flat Impromptu. A solo flute, played by the brilliant Irena Grafenauer, got most of the "tunes", while Kremer's violin provided grittier counter-ideas.

Vustin's Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra, which also received its British première, takes a tangibly Russian approach to Schubert. Only the middle of its three short movements, a dark meditation, does not quote directly; in the opening *Buffo*, solo violin pyrotechnics and percussion-heavy scoring give way to a Schubertian melody.

Even more striking is the motif's mirage-like re-appearance, solo violin and piano alone, in the middle of the turbulent finale. It would be simple to drop the few spoken lines, representing the composer's voice, which jarred even when delivered "meaningfully" by Rodrigo Blumenstock, the steady conductor.

Kremer was also the elegant soloist in Schubert's three works for violin and orchestra. The admirable orchestra played Webern's warm-hearted arrangements of Schubert's Six German Dances with vigour, but its crisp, diaphanous sound was best disclosed in the Overture in C.

JOHN ALLISON

Russian rhythms

ALTHOUGH Sian Edwards has not been much in evidence since she left English National Opera, she has by no means disappeared. Nor has her joy in making music, as her concert of Russian music in the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall demonstrated. Indeed, in an encore piece thrown in unannounced to make up for a shortfall in the programme — Lyadov's *Baba-Yaga* — she demonstrated both the will to take risks and the skill to make a sensational effect on minimal rehearsal.

It was a brilliant achievement also on the part of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, which sounded happier under that kind of pressure than in the comparatively easy-going conditions of *In the Steppes of Central Asia*. At the beginning of the concert Borodin's barely supported melodic lines were not heard to their best advantage. Edwards and the RLPO did, on the other hand, do justice to Rachmaninov's Third Symphony. Virtuoso craftsmanship, which is what the work is about, was rewarded by similar accomplishment in the orchestra.

The soloist in Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto was the RLPO's principal cellist, Paul Marleyn, who would have been wise to choose something else. The problem was not that he lacks the technical equipment for it. It was more a matter of nerve, to get him through the opening bars with an impression of authority. It is a concerto for an experienced soloist with not only a nimble technique and a fine ear, but also a developed sound and a philosophical turn of mind.

GERALD LARNER

Ginger isn't indispensable

The Chris Evans affair has at least proved that Matthew Bannister, Controller of Radio 1 and the BBC's new Director of Radio, has a classy sense of humour. The day after Evans resigned last week Bannister rented the main neon hoarding in Piccadilly Circus for the plea: "Wanted, Radio 1 Breakfast Show DJ. Ginger hair an advantage. Must work five day week."

The ad was scheduled to run for a week. But tear up that application: Bannister chose Mark Radcliffe, another Radio 1 presenter, as the new host some days ago, before Evans failed to turn up for work on Monday. Radcliffe will be formally announced tomorrow.

RADIO

But if Bannister has shown he can take a joke, has he missed a PR opportunity? I think so, and so do many within the BBC. One measure of people is how they behave while working out notice. When Evans went AWOL, Bannister could have sacked him. Bannister was tough when Evans asked for Fridays off, reflecting the view I expressed to Radio 4's *PM* when Evans resigned: that for his money, I would work two Fridays a week.

But Bannister admires Evans, who is a brilliant if wayward broadcaster. "The Fat Controller", as Evans calls Bannister, chose not to be as tough on Monday. Perhaps he felt no need to cock his own gun when Evans had shot himself in the foot, but the impression was that Evans had been allowed to take the initiative.

Need we give a hoot about any of this? Up to a point. Pop music radio is much like football: it matters, but it's not important. Evans brought 800,000 new listeners to Radio 1 at a time of the day when crucial audience-building is going on. Much of the Evans appeal lay in his unusual ability to attract the so-called "four to fourteens" as well as young adults.

Whereas the audience for, say, Radio 4 seems to arrive at a certain age and with certain other trappings — marriage and a family saloon — the Radio 1 audience evolves differently and the station needs presenters who can talk to children as if they were adults and to adults without sounding patronising. But Evans's achievement was subject to the law of diminishing returns. Most of the new audience he brought in is likely to hold.

Nobody earning £1 million a year needs our sympathy, but that emotion should not be withheld on the same grounds. Evans had a genuine problem on Fridays, up before the sun for *The Breakfast Show* and up with the moon for Channel 4's *TFI Friday*. But that was his choice.

His departure gave other BBC presenters a field day: the airwaves have been littered with Evans jokes all week. John Inverdale on Radio 5 Live concluded an item about the French bank staff who took their own bosses hostage by announcing: "Maybe they wanted Fridays off." Thus are the mighty fallen and swiftly re-shaped on the anvil of humour.

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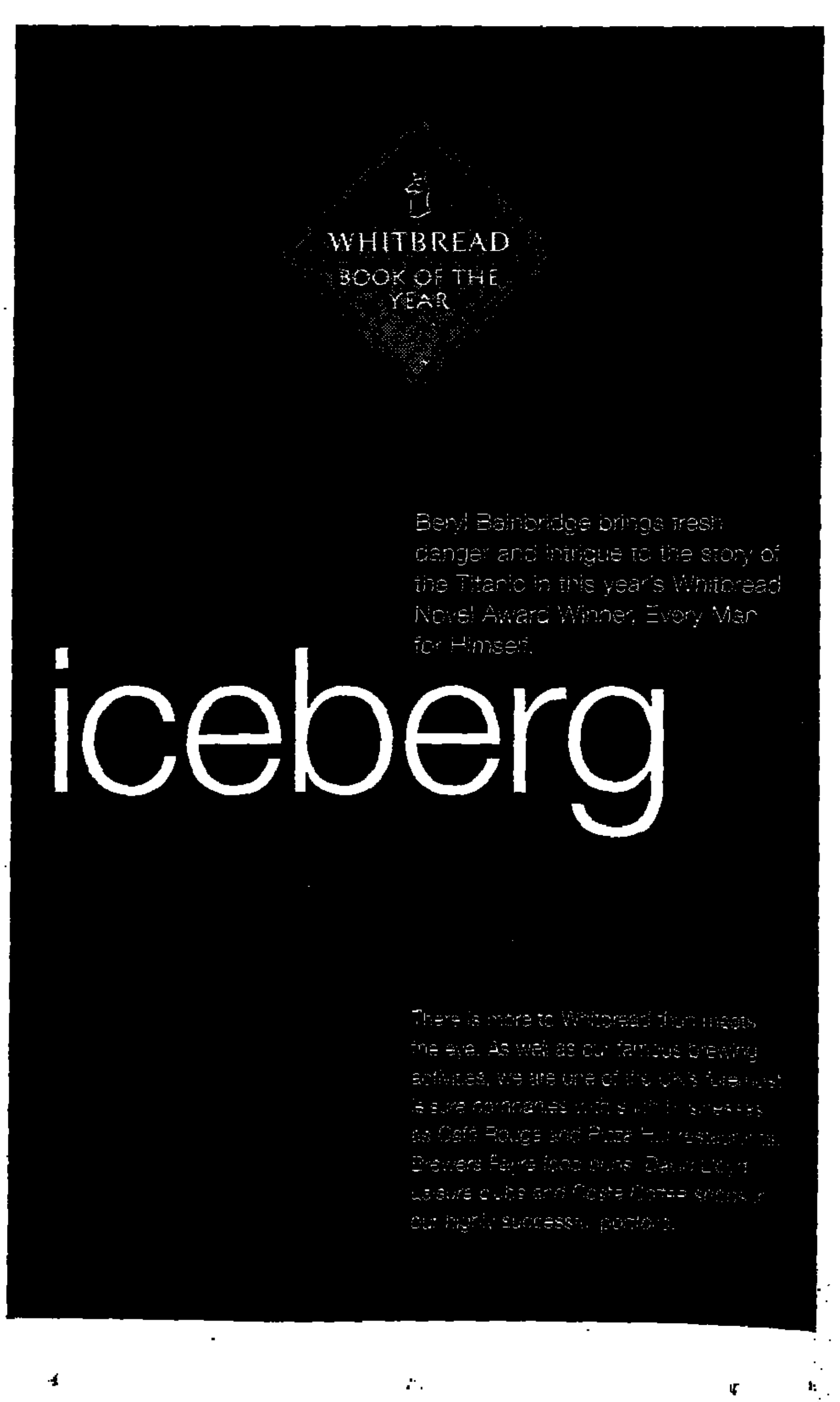
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Lewis Wolpert brings science's past to light

It's results that matter

All histories are hidden until someone reveals them. This is no more true of science than of any other subject. Yet the editor's aim with these five essays is to explore the theme, initiated by Oliver Sacks, of forgotten and neglected moments in the history of scientific discovery. This choice is somewhat puzzling as even the slightest familiarity with the history of science shows how tortuous its progress can be. Scientific research is difficult and the ratio of reward to personal investment can be very low when the risk is high. So one should not be surprised when scientists do not immediately recognise the importance of a new discovery. Judgments based on hindsight can be rather self-indulgent.

Two of the essays here have little to do with the history of science. Richard Lewontin has written a rather strange attack on the role of genes as the key factors determining the character of organisms. He believes that the environment plays a major role and that there is a continual interaction between the internal and external milieus.

This is a view that is completely out of keeping with our understanding of how organisms develop and how they evolve. It is the genes that are the carriers of the information that controls our embryonic development; it is only changes in the genes that are responsible for evolution. Of course the environment needs to be a suitable one, but that is no more than saying that one needs to plug the computer into the electricity supply to make it work.

Stephen Jay Gould examines the iconography of evolution and questions the 19th-century view of progress; placing human beings at the top of the evolutionary tree does little justice to all those enormously successful insects and bacteria. Also the idea of progress excludes contingency and luck. If the evolutionary scenario were run again, but with slightly different conditions, would human beings evolve? He thinks not.

A remarkable mental phenomenon is blindsight, in which patients with brain damage deny being able to see an event yet respond to it. This shows there is indeed a perceptual competence below the level of overt consciousness. Jonathan Miller takes us through the history of the "unconscious", going back to the early days of hypnotism. He thinks that there was neglect of the evidence for unconscious mental events and that Freud's influence, with his emphasis on its censorious function, has distracted attention away from its other vital functions.

HIDDEN
HISTORIES
OF SCIENCE
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We now have a very good understanding of the nature of cancer. This is largely due to the studies on viruses that can induce cells to become cancerous. Human cancers are rarely caused by viruses but, as Daniel Kelves recounts, that early discovery led to the recognition that cancer can result from mutations in normal genes in the cells that resemble those of the cancer-inducing viruses. But that discovery involved painful failures, false trails, denials, resistance to new ideas and brilliant science.

Oliver Sacks tells of the complexity of advances in neurology. He has on occasion had to go back to papers written in the last century to find an adequate account of an illness, as in the case of Tourette's syndrome. This must be a peculiarity of his field — the measure of a good scientific paper is usually how many other papers it makes irrelevant.

Sacks is intrigued by prematurity in science; a discovery is premature when it does not fit in with the current thinking and cannot be easily linked to it. A classic example is Wegener's theory of continental drift, for which he was initially vilified. But Sacks is wrong to think that Avery's discovery of the ability of DNA to change the character of bacteria was premature — several very distinguished scientists immediately recognised its importance. And it was Pasteur, not Bernard, who said that fortune favours the prepared mind. My favourite example of those who did not have such minds are all those, who, for hundreds of years, saw a pendulum swinging and did not, like Galileo, recognise that the period of the swing depends only on the length of the pendulum's cord.

Science is truly progressive. In the long run individuals do not matter, even the geniuses, who only speed things up. Given a different group of scientists, the history would have been different but the results and understanding the same. Contrary to a suggestion of Sacks, science always outgrows its history.

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Science outgrows its history: a view of human evolution

E.T. ARCHIVE

Woman of power: the 6th-century Byzantine rulers Theodora and Justinian; contemporary mosaic, San Vitale, Ravenna

Murmurs, pleasures and arts

Four elegant footnotes, two left in the concealing modesty of Greek, convey Edward Gibbon's contempt for one of the most powerful women in history. The Empress Theodora, joint ruler with her husband Justinian in 6th-century Constantinople, was a former prostitute and comedienne whose charity to young men was "universal" and whose alleged fondness for wildlife would even today confine her to the hardcore magazines. Yet this unlikely imperial pair built one of the world's most graceful buildings, consolidated Roman law into a form in which it is still studied today and by force of arms almost reunited the Eastern and Western Empires of Rome.

Gibbon was forever free with his blame and grudging in his praise. Even the magnificent church of St Sophia, he judged, was dull and insignificant when compared with "the formation of the vilest insect" on its surface. All Justinian's fine buildings were "cemented with the blood and treasure of his people". *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* was not just his title; it was his thesis. Successful barbarian rulers, who held back the descent of events for a while, had to be carefully manipulated into the chronicle of collapse.

The story of how Britain's greatest historian solved this problem is one of 15 essays in this bicentenary collection published in memory of the inspirational writer and teacher Angus McIntyre. There are lessons here not only for those concerned with architecture, law and sexual practice in the late Empire. When we have so much "declinist" history of our own today, how can we spot when the better times are being buried under the avalanche of the worst?

Gibbon had an unusual helper in his task of squaring his general thesis of "tardy, doubtful and ineffectual" aid given by the "Oriental Romans" after the fall of the West with the activity of Justinian in sending major expeditions to recapture Rome and Ravenna from the Goths. The historian Procopius, who accompanied the imperial General Belisarius on his campaigns, wrote two very different accounts.

The first, which Gibbon read in translation before going up to Oxford at the age of 14, covered, and generally praised, the action of the wars themselves. The second was the so-called *Secret History*, which dwelt "with malevolent pencil" on the private life of the palace circle. Gibbon came to this hidden source somewhat later in life and his first edition of the work omitted some of the grosser stories about Theodora. But he seems to have soon found an unexpurgated copy and he drew on it heavily for his overall picture of the time.

Peter Stothard

EDWARD GIBBON
AND EMPIRE
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Averil Cameron gives a concise account of how Gibbon used the public history to praise the achievements of lawyers, architects and generals and the private version to place Justinian and his partner firmly on the slope of imperial decline; no great men or women could afterwards be secure in history until the diaries of their intimates had been revealed. The editors conclude, too, that towards the end of the massive work the idea of decline has become more a literary than an analytical device; it takes an exceptionally narrow-minded bigot to betray the facts to a philosophy for 3,000 pages.

Gibbon, unlike some of his successors in charting empires' decline, was no bigot. He could not, however, deny his anti-clerical delight in the Church's attitude to Theodora, first in concealing her secret history in the Vatican library for 500 years and then in promulgating "her murmurs, her pleasures and her arts". One of Gibbon's four footnotes follows an outrageous sexual description in Greek with a note, in English, that "a learned prelate, now deceased, was fond of quoting this passage in conversation". Cameron notes without comment the suggestion that the unnamed holy man was the friend of Alexander Pope and self-styled scourge of "libertine scribblers", William Warburton, Bishop of Gloucester.

On the Russian road

VENEDIKT YEROFEEV was born in 1938 and died of alcoholism in 1990. Unlike the older generations, biographically he was a pure product of Soviet totalitarianism. Where writers as dissimilar as Babel, Zoshchenko or Platonov, who had all experienced a free Russia in their youth, developed diverse ways of apprehending and depicting Soviet reality, their writing remained bound to what one might describe as the literary taste of civilisation. Yerofeev, born into barbarism, was free of that singular constraint.

In this he resembles nothing so much as his Western counterparts of the 1950s and 1960s — Jack Kerouac, William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg — who arrived at the same intellectual destination by a very different road. The shared flaw in the literary method which these writers' madness aims to obscure is an aggressively relativised concept of originality, based on a tacit agreement with the audience that what appears banal is in fact ironic, while what seems vulgar is *ipso facto* truthful. Of course it helped that the audience, bombed out of its critical mind, was eager for mutual understanding.

The boundaries of taste, which civilisation in Russia and elsewhere in Europe had been able to objectify by purely cultural means, used to serve as a barrier to such facile solutions. But what mattered to Yerofeev and his Soviet generation was that the barrier had been politically reinforced by Stalin, which meant that tearing it down was in and of itself a good thing.

Andrei Navrozov

MOSCOW STATIONS
By Venedikt Yerofeev
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MAGIC mushrooms and LSD being unavailable, the beatification of the protagonist of *Moscow Stations* is attained by means of ordinary vodka. His life's journey is here distilled into several hours of a drunken nightmare aboard a suburban train. The intellectual quality of his and his companions' foul-mouthed hallucinations during this picaresque excursion is highly uneven, ranging from tolerably good jokes at the expense of Soviet puritanism to pseudo-profound insights into the nature of man. The overall effect is a kind of demotic bunkum, in which flashes of serious talent and the genuine suffering of a ruined man can nonetheless be discerned.

Yerofeev is as far removed from the generation of Russian writers immediately preceding him as a Coptic hermit of the 2nd century AD was from the great civilisations of Greece and Egypt. But periods of demonstrable decline have their luminaries, who in turn garner their share of admirers. Mulrine's translation is a labour of love, reproducing the inebriated contortions of the original with a colloquial ease that would have charmed Frank Zappa.

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Intelligent even among friends

T. S. ELIOT once wrote that there was only one critical method: to be very intelligent. Adam Mars-Jones's collection of 13 essays could seem like a ragbag of the sort of reviews, interviews and memoirs that many writers produce. But what unites them is the conviction that you can fruitfully bring a mandarin intelligence to bear on anything.

An avowedly gay critic himself, Mars-Jones begins with a devastating review of the autobiography of Gore Vidal, a writer with whom he might have felt himself in allegiance. We have been warned: Mars-Jones plays no favourites. Nor does he lower his standards. He devotes 30 pages of closely reasoned criticism to a potboiling gay thriller called *Vermillion*, demonstrating very entertainingly, if not unexpectedly, that it's not very good. The article was a preface to a selection of gay fiction, but since he has removed it from that context and placed it in his own book, its purpose must apply to himself also, which is to set himself "as much against the expectations of subcultural commerce, as against the studied indifference of the dominant culture".

What that means in practice is Mars-Jones never stops being intelligent, even when he is among friends. The funniest article in the book is an account of a grisly evening spent in a hotel room with Mick Jagger and Charlie Watts. Mars-Jones's account of the embarrassments and absurdities is eerily precise, but for the full effect it should have been explained, as it was when the article was first published 15 years ago, that he wasn't interviewing them; Jagger was interviewing him about ghosting his memoirs.

Sean French

BLIND BITTER
HAPPINESS
By Adam Mars-Jones
Chatto & Windus, £6.99
ISBN 0 701 16017 7

DOOM PATROLS
A Theoretical Fiction
about Postmodernism
By Steven Shaviro
Serpent's Tail, £11
ISBN 1 85242 430 3

LET IT BLEED
Essays 1985-1995
By Gary Indiana
Serpent's Tail, £11
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There's a lovely encounter with Boy George and a brilliant essay on disability in the cinema, but just when you start thinking that it must be tiring to be so clever all the time, you get to a piece that justifies his method perfectly, the title essay, a beautiful memoir of the author's mother. It is an authentic narrative, beautifully written, coolly analytical, yet it really is about Sheila and not about Adam, except that in all its attentiveness to detail and the heroism of a life, it has the love of a son. The story of his mother is told in the past tense and the reader expects it to culminate in her death. But then, suddenly, he shifts to the present tense and there she is with her grandchildren and the effect is almost overwhelming.

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Ghost in the machine? The Rolling Stones in 1981

What actually is Post-Modernism? According to Steven Shaviro, to the true Post-Modern sensibility "there's no contradiction between cool and hot, irony and passion, playfulness and commitment, excitement and disgust, pleasure and anxiety, or camp distancing and involvement to the point of delirious obsession". Yes, another lot of essays about celebrity, the information age, ideas that can be dipped into without a real sense of commitment or responsibility. Roll on post-Post-Modernism.

I found the collection of Gary Indiana's writing much more congenial. British readers would probably benefit from an introduction that set his work in context. Those who persevere will find an unusual combination: a fiction writer, a highbrow reviewer who doesn't just sit at home making cheap connections but also gets out and reports on the Rodney King trial, on how gay porn movies get made and on EuroDisney. What have they got in common? Well, none of them are things I'd want my kids mixed up with.

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On the Russian road

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Sleight of a master's hand

Tom Hoving reassesses an imposter's subtle talents — and his own collection of drawings

From his first book, *Drawn to Trouble*, I concluded that the late Eric Hebborn was a *windy* braggart who rambled on boasting that some day he would reveal all his "perfect" fakes that have up to now fooled all the experts worldwide.

Admittedly there were some intriguing anecdotes in that first effort and a few priceless pointers about how he crafted fakes, thus making it invaluable for unmasking them — especially revealing how he divined the speed at which the Old Master *draughtsman* worked and then practised so that he could achieve the *same seemingly unerring* whip of the hand which makes true Old Masters convincing. Yet, *I found his Old* Master drawing predictable and flawed by his obsession to add hatchings *that doubled*, even tripled those of his model.

In this second and final book *The Art Forger's Handbook* Eric Hebborn has forced me to reconsider his talents. Though he hasn't revealed those "magnificent" fakes, he has written a scintillating, delightful and thoroughly dangerous work.

Any collector, Old Master drawings dealer or museum curator who has bought works in the past five years should rush to order this book. I wish I had had this in *any* form when I was slogging through graduate school in art history where few words were spoken about forgeries.

Also, I wish this volume had been *on my* desk when I became the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. *I would have* ordered a dozen for the Prints and Drawings *Department and badgered the curatorial staff* — "Have you read it? Have you spotted a Hebborn *out* there on the market — or in our own collections?"

THE ART FORGER'S
HANDBOOK
By Eric Hebborn
Cassell, £20
ISBN 0 304 34914 3

The Handbook is not without flaws. It weakens after the author starts lecturing us on the history of Old Master paintings materials and how to make craquelure, or what to do to disguise the fact that you, as a faker, haven't had grandmother whip up some handmade linen canvas for you. In formulating a time-line for various paints — when they came into usage and bowed out — he actually misses several of the most dazzling. One of these is lead tin yellow which appears in virtually every authentic picture of the 17th century and stopped being used *abruptly around 1710 — and truly clever* fakers are sure to include it in their Caravaggios and *Guido Renis* and Georges *de la* Tours and Bassanos to delude the experts. But working in Rome Hebborn was perhaps out of touch.

Besides he is, despite his claims otherwise, a third-rate Old Master paintings limner. The Bassano he illustrates (the one that was featured in a BBC film about his illustrious powers back in 1994) which was half old and unfinished and half-Hebborn is, frankly, embarrassing in its amateurish daubery when the old fakir took over.

But when it comes to drawings, watch out!

His time-line for paper, ink and pencil is *unique to my knowledge* — from now on when I encounter a certain graphite pencil mark in, say, 1755, I'll chuckle, knowing that the material was born in 1790.

Tips virtually on the level of $E=mc^2$ abound in his chapters, amusingly entitled: "The Devil's Kitchen", "If All the World Were Paper", and "And All the Sea Were Ink". He confides, "The first business of the forger of Old Master *drawings* is collect a stock of period paper," and then lets the reader know of his canny and *remarkably easy procedures of obtaining* pure and gorgeous unmarked pieces of 18th century stock for the forger's Tiepolo or Goya.

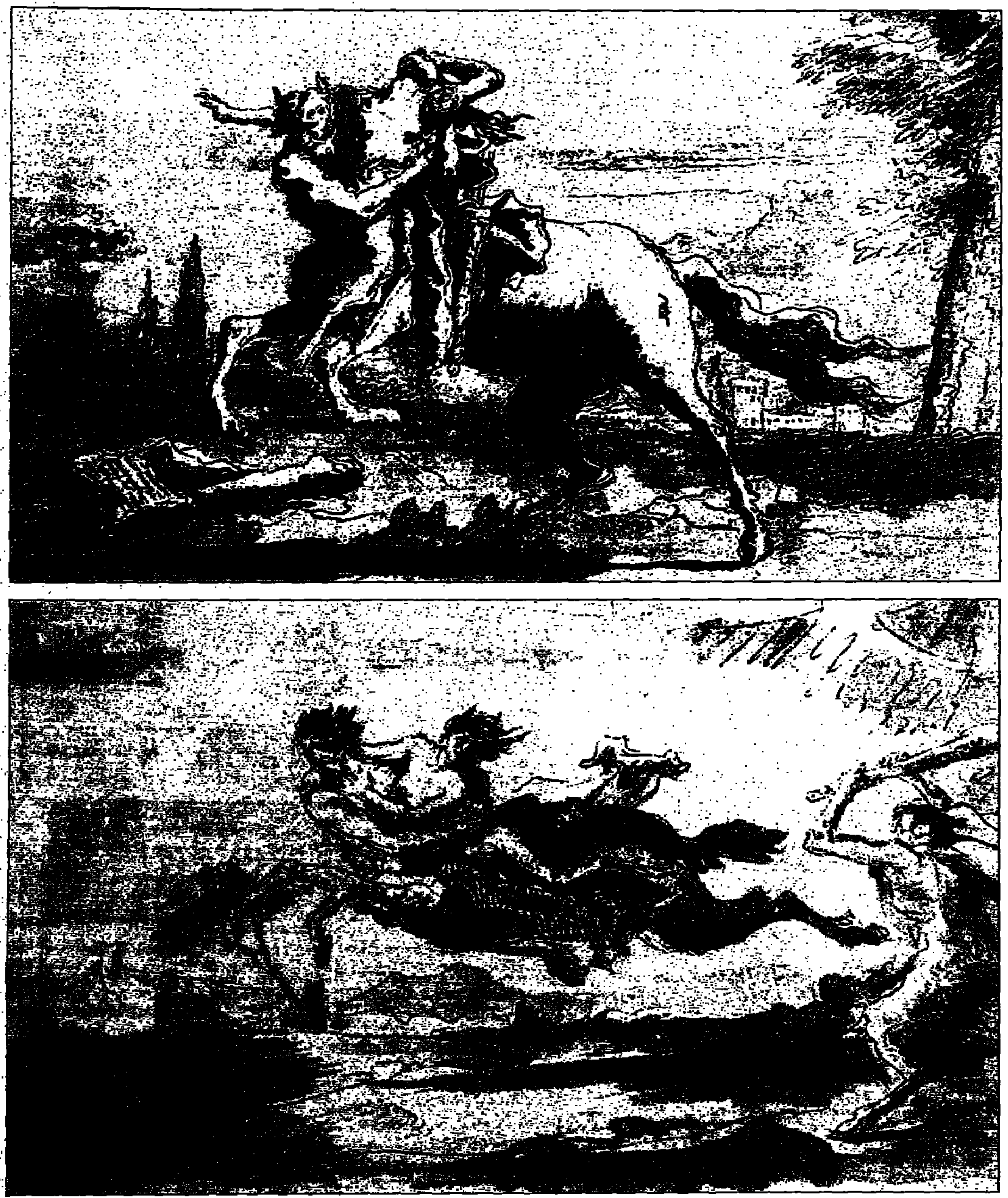
I learned more about watermarks in the short passage on how to cobble up those items and about the exact step-by-step way to prepare an "ancient" paper than I ever knew. I had to laugh because suddenly I realised that one modest drawing in *my own collection, French late 18th* century, had to be modern, yet, unfortunately *not Hebborn.*

Hebborn lays out a fascinating list of how-*tos: how* to cut a quill ("First find an amenable bird"); how to make a copper pen; the true secrets of silver point: the creation of tinted paper; the ageing process for papers, inks and charcoal; glues; sizes; and which masters to forge — the ones you love, of course. I found myself engrossed in what normally would be pretty *dull* technical *stuff*. But Hebborn is continually witty about his "scientific" subject matter and the how-to sections are never bogged down in jargon.

The illustrations in the *Handbook* are superior and admirably back up the author's keen observations, except when he wanders on about how excellent he is at cranking out Old Master paintings.

One pair of illustrations, plates 5 and 6, sum up for me the frightening talent of the late Eric Hebborn and his rather cruel wit aimed at the *pompous* art experts that seem not to be an endangered species. The pair illustrate two *drawings by the Venetian 18th-century master* Giandomenico Tiepolo, one by the artist and *the other by Hebborn. The caption for the* stunning fake states, "This forgery, made for an exhibition of Hebborn's work in 1994, was viewed with some interest by the Old Master experts of all the major auction houses, who collectively judged it to be a poor representation of Giandomenico's style."

Tom Hoving's latest book, False Impressions, *is published by André Deutsch, priced £20.*



Playing a dangerous game of spot the difference: top, *Nessus Seizing Deianira*, by *Giandomenico Tiepolo* (1727-1804), *brush and* wash, was sold at Sotheby's, London, in 1996 for £8,625; bottom, Eric Hebborn's forgery, painted in sepia ink and brown wash for a 1994 exhibition of his work — which was viewed with interest by *Old Master Drawings experts of many of* the major auction houses who collectively judged it to be a poor representation of Giandomenico's style. *Caveat emptor.*

Veteran of German life and letters

Daniel Johnson

ERNST JÜNGER
AND GERMANY
Into the Abyss,
1914-1945
By Thomas Nevin
Constable, £20
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On *March 29*, Europe's greatest living man of letters should, God willing, celebrate his 102nd birthday. Ernst Jünger is old enough to have lived through notoriety, oblivion and rediscovery twice.

He acquired notoriety as a spokesman for the Prussian officer caste who disdained Corporal Hitler's vulgarity, but were still gravediggers of German democracy. Officially ignored under the Nazis, for French intellectuals he came to symbolise a more civilised Germany *during the* war, and Mitterrand and Kohl *shared an admiration for* the old warrior. Having *remained at his post under* the Nazis, he went into Swiss exile and out of fashion after their demise. The Bonn Republic passed him by, just as the Weimar Republic had done. Now that Germany is reunited, Jünger remains as a last witness to the Reich — not Hitler's but Bismarck's.

In the English-speaking world this prodigiously productive novelist, essayist, diarist and travel writer is generally ignored: only a handful of his 50 volumes *have been translated. John* Keegan has castigated *Jünger as a teutonic* Tolkien. If Jünger's martial artistry is belittled even by our leading military historian, one despairs of his reputation in a pacific age.

For Jünger is a veteran in the literal as well as the literary sense. After running away from *boarding school to join the* Foreign Legion, he became *a real hero during the First* World War: as a lieutenant commanding stormtrooper units, Jünger suffered 13 wounds and won virtually every decoration the Kaiser had to award, including the *Pour le mérite*, the most coveted of all. In the 1920s he was Germany's Rupert Brooke and Lawrence of Arabia rolled into one. He once wrote for a Nazi news*paper, but never joined the* party; Goebbels despaired *of recruiting a man who* associated with Jews and Bolsheviks.

In the Second World War his military service was mostly spent in the relative safety of occupied Paris, but his secret anti-Nazi writings and his links with the German opposition placed him in peril. His personal acquaintance with danger and death makes him more *difficult to judge harshly* than armchair intellectuals *who plumped for the Nazis.*

The life is extraordinary: but are the books any good? Jünger's masterpiece, *On the Marble Cliffs*, has been widely hailed as an allegory of Nazi *tyranny*, with *sharp* caricatures of Goering and Goebbels. *Thomas Nevin* disagrees, seeing it instead *as a symptom of the disease* — fatalism — it seeks to *diagnose.* *He* subjects Jünger's early works to intelligent but often inconclusive and sometimes needlessly obscurantist analysis. He does justice to the sublime terror which Jünger's books at their best can strike into the reader.

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Ernst Jünger at 100

Nevin is less keen on Jünger as a thinker: his sinister 1932 dystopia *The Worker*, which inspired Heidegger to extravagant *praise, is interpreted* psychologically as a rebellion *against his father's orderly* world. But Jünger was not really a rebel: he evidently admired his erudite father, who was a wild character himself, and inherited his botanical, mineralogical and zoological interests, which are of incalculable importance for his writing. He even succumbed to his *father's passion for chess.*

Nevin's grasp of German *history and culture is not* entirely reliable. But he *brings an infectious enthu*siasm to his subject. Meeting Jünger in 1992 evidently made a powerful impact on Nevin, and what would have been a more critical treatment has become a tribute. I learnt a great deal from this book and I hope Nevin will write about the second half of Jünger's cen*tury, even if this antediluvi*an survivor will always *remain an enigma.*

Chasing missiles in the South Atlantic

Frank Cooper

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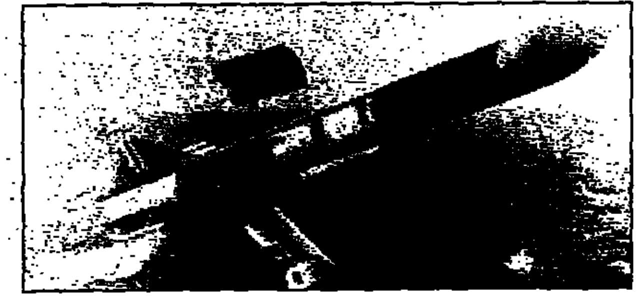

Desirable and deadly: the French-made Exocet in action

Nigel West is both a *Member* of Parliament (Rupert Allason) and an *author who has written* more than a dozen books on security and secret service matters. His new book displays his knowledge of those services. It is exciting reading, mixing graphic description and studied investigation.

A main theme is set at the start by a gripping account of the sinking of HMS *Sheffield* on May 4, 1982, by an Exocet missile fired from Argentinian *Super Etendard* aircraft. Two missiles were launched, one missed.

The international struggle by the Argentinians to acquire more air-launched Exocets, of which they had received only five — and the British fight to deny them — is recounted in considerable detail. The participants included not only the secret services but also shady arms dealers, the black market and some from the world of high finance.

There is *much* else in the book. The author describes *how some* secret services were organised: how their work was processed; and gives colourful *descriptions of some of* the protagonists. There is a wealth of technical and operational detail.

An analysis is given of how the British sought to decide what might be the best way to find and destroy the Argentine Super Etendards and the remaining air-launched Exocets. There is an account of an aborted SAS reconnaissance on the Argentine port of Tierra *del Fuego.*

There is speculation as well as fact. *Intelligence* entails speculation. But the author has sought to reach balanced judgments. He raises relevant questions about the conclusions of the Franks' committee, which reported on the events *leading* to the war. He sheds light on some unresolved questions. *He makes* a strong case in favour of the March 25, 1982, not the widely accepted March 29, being the date the Junta decided to invade the Falklands. But was this decision simply a piece of opportunism using *the annual* joint naval exercises with Uruguay as a cover? *Had the* decision been longer in gestation? Was the timing deter*mined* by the political plight of the Junta?

The *invasion* was a surprise *to all — the Americans* included. Colonel Love, the British *Defence Attaché in Buenos* Aires, rightly gets an honour*able mention for his pre*science — as do the Chileans. But no one got it right. Intelligence *information* is very different from forecasting *intentions.*

Hindsight suggests that if Britain had invested more heavily in intelligence in Latin America the Falklands issue *might have been given proper* prominence, supported by *more* knowledge and wisdom. Intelligence about Argentina and *its forces was rudimentary*. At the heart of British policy *towards* the Falklands issue had been the avoidance of provocatory action. It failed.

Britain was right to put much SIS effort into denying Argentine access to more Exocets. The Exocet was a bogey weapon. The Falklands operation was a high risk one by any *standards*. Could *more* air-launched Exocets have *brought about defeat?* The probability is that had there *been more*, some would *have* got through. Defence against fast-moving *missile attack is* tough. Britain is becoming missile minded at only a stately pace. A more relevant question is why did the Argentinians not wait until after September 1982, by which time all their air-launched Exocets would have been delivered?

Nigel West's book is enjoyable to read. Occasionally it seems to have been written in a hurry — or it may be overexuberant. It illustrates clearly both the strengths and limitations of intelligence. It also shows that there is a continuing *need* for intelligence in a complex world, where arms *are international.*

Sir Frank Cooper was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence during the Falklands War.

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London hotels lift charges by 20%

By David Churchill

LONDON'S top hotels have pushed their room rates up by more than 20 per cent in the past year with the cost of the best rooms at a five-star hotel now averaging £353 a night.

All these hotels, which cater primarily for business travellers, including the Savoy Group, Inter-Continental and Sheraton Hotels, have raised prices since the beginning of 1996, according to a survey released by American Express this week.

Borge Ellgaard, Amex vice-president for hotel relations, says that the price increases in London luxury hotels range from 15-23 per cent. "This is a really steep increase as prices were also raised a year ago," he says.

Mr Ellgaard declines to name the individual hotels that have pushed prices up most, but he says that "they claim they are trying to recover costs for refurbishments and upgrading of their properties, so they feel justified in putting their prices up".

It is understood that the Savoy Group, which recently unveiled a £62 million renovation programme, is among those hotels that have recorded the biggest increase in rates over the past year.

But the main reason for the swingeing increases, says Mr Ellgaard, is the strong demand for hotel rooms from business travellers. Average occupancy in London hotels is running at about 80 per cent compared with about 65 per cent two years ago.

MrEllgaard, however, believes there are signs that some companies are balking at paying the higher prices. "We think the market could be softer than the hotels imagine," he adds. "The strength of sterling may make people think twice about paying top London rates."

The Amex survey shows that room prices are also rising sharply in other major cities, including New York and Rome, but not in Paris where the increases have been between 5 and 10 per cent on average.

New data from the management consultants Arthur Andersen reinforces the Amex survey. Andersen polled 20 of the top London hotels in the third quarter of 1996 and found that the average room rates per night for all the hotels was £206, with the most expensive room-rate reaching an average of £353. Andersen adds that it believes "the five-star market has yet to reach its peak".

The Andersen survey also reveals that the restaurant boom in London has spread to hotels. "There has been a significant increase in activity in the food and beverage departments of many of the top hotels during 1996," it says. The average amount spent per head increased from £20.36 in late 1995 to £22.58 in the third quarter of last year.

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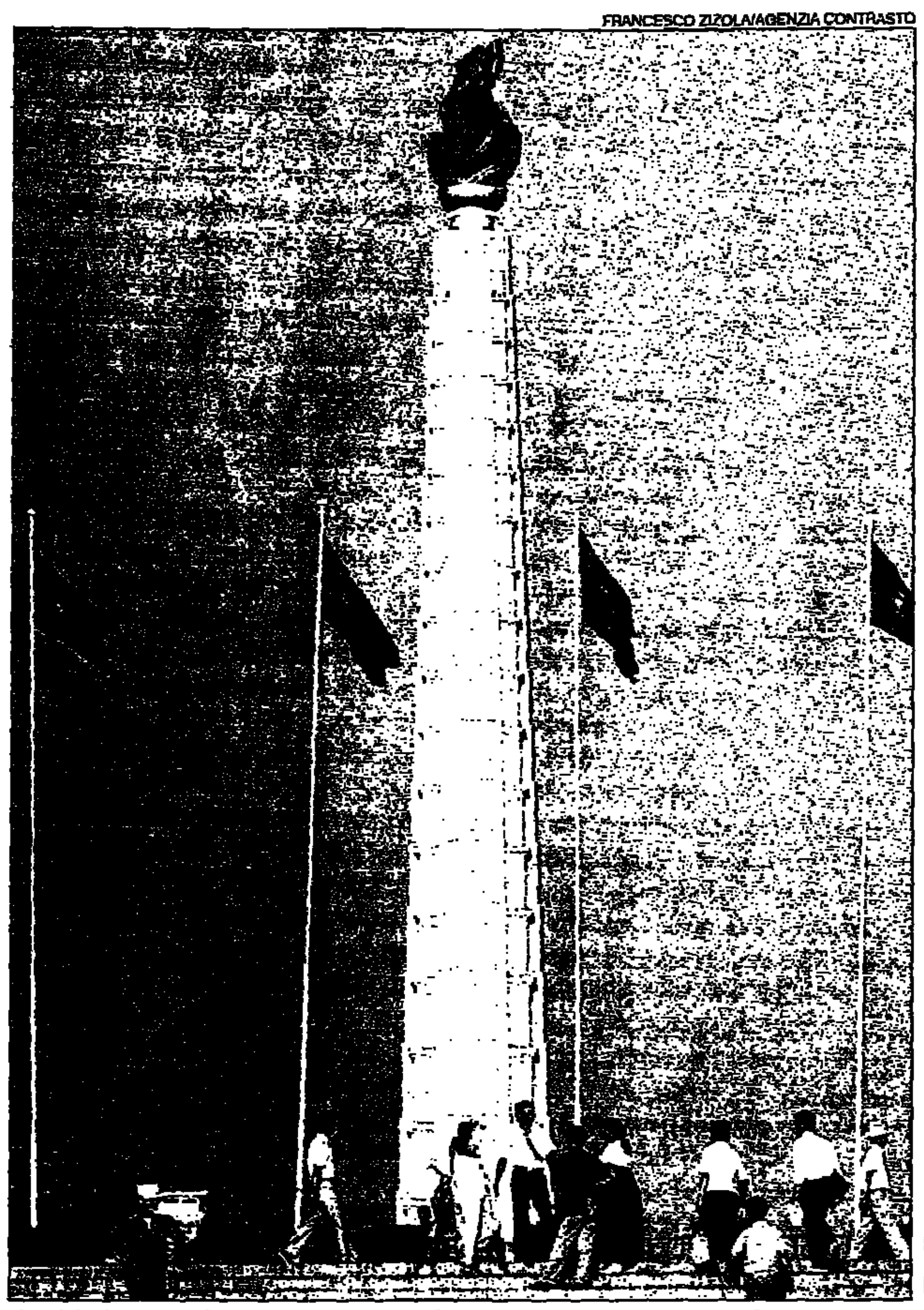

Yuchi Idea tower in Pyongyang is one of the country's many modernistic monuments

TWO British entrepreneurs are opening up one of the world's most isolated and secretive countries to Western tourists.

Nicholas Bonner, 35, and Josh Green, 29, have formed a travel agency in Peking, specialising in tours to North Korea. They are already inundated with requests for details of the trips which include Pyongyang, the capital, and Panmunjom.

Mr Bonner is enthusiastic about the country, which is dominated by giant statues of "The great leader" Kim Il Sung but which, he insists is "one of the safest on earth", adding: "It is a very serious country and one where the taking of pictures, for example, is very restricted. But visitors who arrive with preconceived ideas find that the people are open and friendly, the architecture is staggering and the opportunity of seeing a society that is so completely different, and that somehow puts everything we treasure in the West into context, just has to be grabbed now. North Korea has adopted a slightly more relaxed attitude towards tourism and 1997 is the year to visit the 'People's Paradise'."

Both men speak Mandarin and opened a club in Peking while teaching English. Now they run the Koryo agency through which they obtain visas. They have appointed the Bristol-based agency Regent Holidays, which specialises in unusual destinations, as their agents.

The two admit that the tours — lasting either seven or five days and starting from Peking — are not cheap. A seven-day "add-on" visit to North Korea from China costs £1,175 and a five-day visit £999, including all meals, accommodation, a permanent guide and visa. Anyone wanting to visit North Korea only would be charged an additional £610 for a return flight to Peking and two nights accommodation. Regent is offering five tours this year, including two to coincide with celebrations on May Day and Liberation Day, August 15.

"Remember, it will be an experience rather than a holiday," says Regent. "Visitors must be prepared for the unexpected and the unexplained. Do not be surprised if the itinerary suddenly changes. North Korea is, after all, still a mystery."

The Foreign Office said it had "no advice" for anyone visiting the country.

The world just gets smaller and smaller...

Every so often I am jolted from my critical look at the intricacies of the travel business by the realisation that the world's largest and fastest growing industry is truly amazing.

Time was, for example, when the idea of being able to indulge a private fantasy at the far ends of the earth was little more than an irrational dream. But tumbling air fares, faster long-range flights and the vast improvements in hotels and international tourism has made the fulfilment of such aspirations viable.

My fantasy before hanging up my boots — some would call it an obsession — was to play my last game of cricket in Australia. Here, the great game is a central part of life, big cities and tiny hamlets all have their "ovals" and the pleasures of playing or watching cricket are made sweeter by the knowledge that it is deep mid-winter back home.

It is now possible for village cricketers like me to shake off jetlag by climbing Hanging Rock in the extraordinary wine country 50km north of Melbourne little more than a day after leaving Britain. And without breaking the bank.

Over seven days, the Fleet Street Exiles, a scratch team of journalists, played at the Cope-Williams winery in Victoria whose British-born owner has hewn a cricket pitch from the bush, at the majestic Adelaide Oval and in the idyllic setting of Scott Creek in the South Australian hills.

We toured the vast and imposing Melbourne Cricket Ground and Rupertswood, where it is claimed with antipodean certainty that in 1882 the ashes of a bail, suitably interred in a porcelain urn, were first handed over to an English visiting side and a tradition was born.

We watched kangaroo and koala, ate emu paté, muntries chutney, possum rillettes, roast yabbies and Moreton Bay bugs, and drank deep of the wines that are such an important part of the Australian economy.

Britannia is leading a growing number of charter airlines operating the 27-hour flight with the tour operator Austravel charging from £549 for a standard return ticket, and as little as £199 for a standby single.

It would be wrong to pretend that the leg room is generous on the Boeing 767s which carry up to 328 people, so the journey does require stamina and stoicism. But for such comparatively small outlay who can complain?

Britannia began flying to Australia eight years ago when 5,000 people made the long trip. Since then the airline has carried a total of 141,000 passengers down under: this winter it has 30,000 seats available from Britain, on ten flights a week, taking in all the major Australian cities in a series of combinations from Gatwick and Manchester.

Charter airlines such as Britannia, part of the Thomson group, have therefore brought Australia within reach for tourists for whom such an adventure would have been impossible a few years ago, backpackers seeking the cheapest possible fares, passengers joining a cruise or those with relatives or friends in Australia.

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For those who are prepared to pay more to make the journey in greater comfort there is a raft of fares on scheduled airlines where space is directly related to price. You could, for example, travel business class to Sydney for £1,843 return, or fly in first-class luxury for £7,502 return with Qantas.

Indeed, Qantas, now tied in closely with British Airways enabling ground staff to be merged at staging posts such as Singapore's vast and gleaming new Changi airport, is constantly producing cut-price deals to tempt travellers to fly on scheduled services.

The two airlines together operate 35 flights a week from the UK and Europe to Australia with 90-day advance-purchase returns to Perth and Darwin, starting at £655.

Such is the choice the travel industry is now able to offer, not just to Australia but to far-flung destinations around the world. It is good, occasionally, to be reminded of the benefits, and not just the problems, that mass travel has produced.

TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

Weekend special on Greece: Pylos, the Peloponnese, Paxos, Santorini and Crete

Romantic weekends for Valentine's Day

Stephen Brook in Cuba

Joe Joseph on St Barts

The frustrations of Disneyland

West Country air link row

By Harvey Elliott

WEST COUNTRY businessmen and politicians this week accused British Airways of cutting their links with the rest of the world by switching "commuter" air services from Heathrow to Gatwick.

BA's subsidiary airline Brymon, which flies four times a day between Plymouth and Heathrow, is switching to Gatwick in the spring because, it says, there is no chance of expansion at Heathrow.

But Devon businessmen claim that the move will cut them off from many key destinations only served by Heathrow and that it has been made to shed take off and landing slots as part of the deal to tie up with American Airlines. Brian Beal, chairman of Air Bristol who lives near Plymouth airport, said that he was "saddened and surprised". "Gatwick is not viable and a poor subsititute. These routes are a life-line for the South West and should not be used as a political football." Nigel Randall, managing director of British Aerospace Plymouth said that almost every major industrial centre in the world was served from Heathrow.

The chairman ofCornwall Council, John Horne, said promises made by Sir Colin Marshall in August 1993 that Heathrow links would be retained had been broken.

"Our Heathrow slots are being sacrificed so BA can go ahead with its planned merger with American Airlines."

But BA denied that the move was linked to the planned alliance. "With the increasing pressure on landing and take off slots at Heathrow there is no realistic prospect of Brymon securing further slots that will enable it to increase its services," said Gareth Kirkwood, Brymon's managing director.

"Our ability to grow the South West to London air market is a key part of our business strategy. That means introducing more services at peak times which we can't do at Heathrow."

Cargo lines lure travellers

By Tony Dawe

SAILING on board a container ship from the Isle of Grain to Rotterdam, Port Said, Singapore and South Korea and back with German officers and a Filipino crew might sound like a holiday from hell, but travelling on cargo ships is becoming increasingly popular with tourists.

The 65-day round trip to the Far East with the German NSB line is just one of scores of packages featured in the new brochure from Strand Voyages, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.

There are more glamorous trips to Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, the French West Indies, and Australia via the Suez Canal and Singapore. And there are even slow boats to China: these return trips, operated by a Polish fleet from Hamburg to a series of Chinese ports, take about 120 days and cost £5,000.

One-way trips to South Africa are priced at £1,400 for a berth in a twin-bedded cabin, a 38-day voyage to Australia costs £2,000 while the top price for a 100-day round-the-world voyage is £8,500 for an outside single cabin. The Far East round trip costs from £2,575 a person although one-way bookings are available.

John Alton, of Strand Voyages, says the holidays appeal to those who enjoy the lure of the sea in the company of a few crew and passengers instead of the crowds and organised activities associated with conventional cruising.

"The old days of working your passage in return for basic facilities have long gone and most conventional cargo vessels have been replaced by modern container ships," he says. "Today's passengers are comfortably accommodated in large cabins. There is usually a passenger lounge with TV and video, often a swimming pool and loungers for relaxing on deck."

Two special sailings are included this year to mark the 20th anniversary of the final voyage of RMS *Windsor Castle*, the famous Union-Castle liner-cum-mailship.

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CHANGING TIMES

Michelin checks value for money

By Robin Young

GOOD cooking will no longer be enough to qualify for the Michelin guide's "Red Meal" award, an accolade that up to now indicated a standard of cooking just one step below that required for the much coveted Michelin star.

The new edition of the British guide, published this week, brings it into line with other European editions by stipulating that "Red Meal" awards will now be given only to restaurants that offer good food at moderate prices.

The award, previously symbolised by a red M, is indicated by the head and shoulders of the Michelin man character, Bibendum.

An immediate result of the new emphasis on value for money is a sharp reduction in the number of "Red Meal" awards in the new book. Of 1,079 restaurants included, a mere 80 qualify, and 17 of those are newly promoted. The total is 13 fewer than had the award last year.

Twenty establishments are identified by Michelin as having lost their "Red Meal" status solely on price grounds, the standard of their cooking not having changed.

The victims whose awards are extinguished by large bills include such well known names as River Café, Fifth Floor at Harvey Nichols, Clarke's, Hilaire, Pont de la Tour, Caprice, The Ivy, Alastair Little and Bibendum (in the former Michelin headquarters) all in London, and the Ubiquitous Chip in Glasgow and Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant in Padstow, Cornwall.

On the other hand, three restaurants qualifying for the "Red Meal" award under the new criterion also have Michelin stars, indicating that Michelin accepts them not only as reasonably priced but also "very good restaurants". The trio, all in London, are The Canteen in Chelsea, L'Oranger in St James's, and the ground floor of L'Escargot in Soho.

Bibendum: new symbol

Among Michelin's stars there was relatively little change this year. The four three-star restaurants, deemed to produce "exceptional cuisine worth a journey" are unchanged: Waterside Inn at Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire, La Tante Claire in Chelsea, southwest London, The Restaurant Marco-Pierre White at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge and Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane in the Grosvenor House Hotel, west London.

One restaurant, Gordon Ramsay's Aubergine in Fulham, south-west London, is promoted to two stars, bringing the total to nine. 67 establishments have single stars. Nine of the one-star awards are new but deletions, on grounds of closure, chef changes or decline in cooking standards, leave the total one fewer than last year.

Hard-sell timeshare company fined

A TIMESHARE company, which subjected clients to a two-hour "hard sell" session followed by high pressure telephone calls, was fined £2,000 after admitting breaches of the Timeshare Act.

Vacation 2000 invited holidaymakers to a golf club and persuaded dozens of couples to hand over cash to reserve a holiday property. But when they changed their minds it refused to refund their cash, Henley-on-Thames magistrates were told this week.

The company admitted not giving clients a notice entitling them to cancel the agreement after the court heard that Oxfordshire trading standards officials had received more than 100 complaints about the company.

Barbara Connolly, for the prosecution, said the firm had flouted the 1992 Act. "The aim of the Act is that the consumer is hit in the face with the fact that they are permitted to cancel. The real mischief here is the company's failure to provide customers with a form giving a prescribed notice that they could cancel within 14 days," she said. Richard Porter, for the defence, admitted that Vacation 2000, based in South Woodford, east London, had not given clients notice of right to cancel with a separate document.

Vacation 2000, which has suspended trading, is not a member of the Timeshare Council, the trade organisation which lays down strict guidelines for its 80 members. The firm still has 700 customers on its books but suspended activities when the investigation began.

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John Hopkins, golf correspondent, previews a vital year for the European Tour

Olazabal winning long fight for fitness

European golf received a boost yesterday with the news that José Maria Olazabal, the 1994 Masters champion, hopes to return to competitive golf soon, perhaps at the Dubai Classic at the end of next month. The former Ryder Cup player competed in his last tournament in September 1995 before being forced to stop by suspected rheumatoid arthritis in his right foot.

There was a cheery note in the voice of Sergio Gomez, Olazábal's manager, as he recounted the glad medical tidings of his protégé from northern Spain yesterday. "The latest news is that we are really at the point where we believe José Maria's miseries are behind him," Gomez said. "I watched him hitting balls for three hours on Sunday afternoon. There was no stopping, no sitting down. He is walking upright and not leaning forward as he was.

"He has been working with doctors and trainers at Bayern Munich football club. From today he is starting a daily programme of what he would do at a tournament — that is warm up, play 18 holes, do some chipping and putting and then hit 200 more balls. If, after ten days of this, there are no setbacks, then the doctors will believe he is OK again.

"He has set no particular date for his return because he wants to be completely right and he knows that he will not be able to follow his usual fitness programme once he starts playing again. If we were to say he hopes to be ready for Dubai and to play in the Masters, then that is our hope, but you never know. For now, it is sufficient to say he is smiling and in a good frame of mind. Now he is saying *when* he is coming back, not *if*, as he was last year."

The timing could not be better for the PGA European Tour as it starts its 26th and, potentially, most important, season. As the Johnnie Walker Classic gets under way in Australia this morning, there are two important matters on the minds of Tour officials.

The first is the relationship between it and its players after an unprecedentedly difficult time in 1996, when it seemed that the players were up in arms at almost every tournament. Too much sand in the bunkers was one common complaint; the course is incorrectly set up was another: at Collingtree, the surface of the greens was appalling. Some complaints were justified, some were not.

Things got so bad that John Paramor, director of Tour Operations, said at the end of the season: "In the past 20 weeks I have gone home every night to sew up the dagger holes in the back of my jacket. We have had some serious knocks. We need to smarten up our act."

One improvement has been the appointment of Mark MacDiarmid, who was an assistant at Wentworth for ten years, to attend many tournaments and liaise with the players. "My brief is to be at tournaments to represent Ken [Schofield, the executive director of the European Tour]," MacDiarmid said. "They wanted somebody there most weeks. I report directly to Ken."

Another improvement has been that the Tour has been more cautious in its selection of courses after the fiasco at Collingtree. It is no surprise that Collingtree is not a venue for an event in 1997.

Then there is the small matter of the Ryder Cup, between Europe and the United States at Valderrama, near Marbella, Spain, in September. The Ryder Cup is not just golf's biggest event of the year but sport's. To the millions who will watch it on television can be added a few thousand who will be bussed to and from the course from the port of Algeciras, where they will sleep on the *QE2*.

Complaints about the first Ryder Cup to be held outside England and Scotland have been many: there will not be enough tickets; transport along the Spanish roads will be a nightmare; there is nowhere to stay; the course is too American. Hang on a minute! Who said that organising an event between two predominantly English-speaking teams in a country where English is not the native language and golf enjoys a lower profile than in Britain and the United States had to be easy? Spain deserves its chance to stage this event after its contribution to European golf and suggestions that the event will be an organisational nightmare are premature.

Will Severiano Ballesteros achieve the double of being Spain's first Ryder Cup captain leading a team that contains no Spaniards? Is this why he is huffing and puffing about being a playing captain, which is plainly a daft idea?

He has begun beating the drum of nationalism, suggesting that Spanish should be the dominant language, that the opening ceremony should be in Spanish and that Spanish dishes should be the dominant food. If he can turn a ten-yard chip into three minutes of pure theatre, what can he do with the captaincy of the Ryder Cup team over the next eight months? Would that such matters were all he had to worry about.

The reality is that his likely team is not looking formidable at a time when the US Tour seems to be gaining in strength — and this even without over-emphasising the presence of Tiger Woods, the game's remarkable newcomer.

In Europe, there has been an average of one new first-time winner each month for the past two seasons. This says much for the blossoming of talent but less for the staying power of those players. It is time some of these young men started winning regularly. Colin Montgomerie's feat of topping the money list for the past four years, while playing fewer than 20 events, is a tribute to his skill but a backhanded criticism of other players who compete in as many as ten or 15 more events.

If Olazábal returns to his best form, that would be a double bonus for professional golf in Europe. It would give the Continent an experienced campaigner who will not go to the United States to ply his trade as Nick Faldo, Jesper Parnevik and Alexander Cejka have done, and it would ease some pressure from the shoulders of Montgomerie, who is no longer necessarily the best player never to have won a major championship. Professional golf in Europe, its officials and the players, have a lot to prove in 1997.

STEPHEN MUNDAY/ALLSPORT

Two Aborigines constitute the gallery as Montgomerie drives during yesterday's pro-am in Queensland

Olazábal: has regained the spring in his step

1997 EUROPEAN TOUR SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN TOUR: Jan: 23-26: Johnnie Walker Classic, Hope Island, Queensland. 30-Feb 2: Heineken Classic, Perth, Australia. Feb: 6-9: S African Open, Johannesburg. 13-16: Dimension Data, Sun City. 20-23: Alfred Dunhill S African PGA championship, Houghton, Johannesburg. 27-Mar 2: Dubai Desert Classic. Mar: 6-9: Moroccan Open, Rabat. 13-16: Portuguese Open, Lisbon. 20-23: Turespana Masters, Canary Islands. 27-30: Madeira Island Open. Apr: 24-27: Peugeot Spanish Open, La Moraleja II

May: 1-4: Conte of Florence Italian Open, Milan. 8-11: Benson and Hedges International Open, The Oxfordshire. 15-18: Alamo English Open, Hanbury Manor, Herts. 23-26: Volvo PGA championship, Wentworth. 29-Jun 1: Deutsche Bank Open, TPC of Europe. Jun: 5-8: Slaley Hall Grand Prix of Europe, Hexham. 19-22: Volvo German Open, Stuttgart. 26-29: Peugeot French Open, Paris. Jul: 3-6: Murphy's Irish Open, Druids Glen, Co Wicklow. 10-12: Loch Lomond World Invitational. 17-20: Open Championship, Royal Troon. 24-27: Sun Dutch Open, Hilversum. 31-Aug 3: Volvo Scandinavian Masters, Malmo. Aug: 7-10: Chemapol Trophy Czech Open, Prague. 21-24: Smurfit European Open, K Club, Dublin. 28-31: BMW International Open, Munich.

Sep: 4-7: Canon European Masters, Crans-sur-Sierre, Switz. 11-14: Lancôme Trophy, St Nom-la-Bretèche, Paris. 18-21: One 2 One British Masters, Forest of Arden. Oct: 2-5: Linde German Masters, Berlin. *9-12: Toyota World Match Play championship, Wentworth. 9-12: Open Novotel Perrier Pairs, Bordeaux. *16-19: Alfred Dunhill Cup, St Andrews. 23-26: Old Pro-Am, La Moraleja I and II. 30-Nov 2: Volvo Masters, Jerez. Nov: *20-23: World Cup of Golf, Kiawah Island, S Carolina)

To be scheduled: Air France Cannes Open, Catalan Open, Austrian Open.

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MAJORS: Apr 10-13: US Masters, Augusta. Jun 12-15: US Open, Congressional, Bethesda, Maryland. Jul 17-20: Open Championship, Royal Troon. Aug 14-17: US PGA Championship, Winged Foot, New York.

RYDER CUP: Sep 26-28: Valderrama.

SQUASH

Horner has most to fear from Jackman

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

SUZANNE HORNER, the defending champion from Yorkshire, has not been defeated in the national championships since 1993, when she lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winner, Cassandra Jackman, at the Village Club in Cheadle.

Ominously for Horner, the championships return to the Manchester area today, sponsored by A. J. Edge and with a record entry of 230, at the Northern Club in Didsbury. Jackman has also returned to the sort of form that was threatening to dominate the world game four years ago.

Jackman, 24, from Norfolk, regained her England No 1 position at the turn of the year and moved to world No 3 after four consecutive wins over Michelle Martin, the former world champion from Australia. Last week, Jackman defeated Horner in the National League match between Queens, of Halifax, and Hallamshire.

The draw puts them in opposing halves, with Jackman scheduled to play Fiona Geaves, of Gloucester, the 1995 champion, and Jane Martin, of Northumbria, her bogey opponent from their junior days. Horner needs to beat the No 2 seed, Sue Wright, of Kent, or Linda Charman, of Sussex, the surprise runner-up in the past two years.

The location of the tournament, at the Northern Club, may also have its influence on the men's title, which suffers this year from clashes with the lucrative Austrian league and the PSA World Tour calendar in North America.

Mark Cairns, of Oxford, and Stephen Meads, of Berkshire, ranked respectively four and six in England, are the leading seeds in the absence of more than half of Britain's top ten players.

Peter Nicol, of Scotland, last year's champion, is one of those missing this year.

Court of Appeal

Law Report January 23 1997

Duty not extended to non-disclosure

Manifest Shipping Co Ltd v Uni-Polaris Shipping Co Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Waller

[Judgment December 20]

While a fraudulent claim by an assured under a policy of insurance discharged underwriters from all liability under the policy, and not merely in respect of that claim, there was no warrant for widening the duty not to make a fraudulent claim so as to embrace culpable or misleading non-disclosure.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when, inter alia, dismissing the appeal of Uni-Polaris Shipping Co Ltd and La Réunion Européene, issuers of hull and machinery insurance policies, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Tuckey ([1995] 1 Lloyd's Rep 651) of the claim of Manifest Shipping Co Ltd for a constructive total loss by fire of their ship, the Star Sea, under the policies but, inter alia, allowing their claim for a partial loss of US$1.7 million plus interest.

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr David Foxton for the underwriters; Mr Richard Aikens, QC, Mr Stephen Hofmeyr and Miss Rebecca Sabben-Clare for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the ship, a refrigerated vessel owned by the plaintiffs and carrying a cargo of bananas and other produce, was lost following a fire in May 1990. It was one of a fleet of 33 ships owned by the Kollakis family.

Two other ships in the fleet were lost by fire early in 1989 when the Star Sea was laid up. Her engine room and cargo holds were protected by a carbon dioxide extinguishing system which did not work unless the space into which the gas was discharged had been effectively sealed.

The judge had found, inter alia, that, following two reports by a fire expert on one of the other ships lost, the owners' response in respect of the Star Sea had been completely inadequate and there were other matters which rendered the ship unseaworthy. He also found that, but for the master's incompetence, the system would have extinguished the fire and prevented much of the loss.

Privilege would have been claimed for the two fire damage reports: in fact, the second report was misplaced and undiscovered until the day after trial began. It was inevitable that privilege would have to be waived before the plaintiffs' witnesses, who referred to the reports in written statements, gave evidence, and the reports disclosed.

The underwriters' defence was substantially amended after disclosure seeking to avoid the policies (i) for breach of the duty of utmost good faith for failure to disclose the contents of the reports earlier and (ii) fraud. It was alleged that some of the written evidence was calculated to mislead the insurers.

Having considered the judge's findings and conclusions on the evidence, his Lordship said that the court found that it had not been established that the assured made a fraudulent claim or that anyone made a fraudulent claim for which the assured were vicariously liable.

Mr Pollock submitted, inter alia, that there was at law a duty to disclose facts relevant to a loss or claim where the facts were within the knowledge of the assured but not underwriters, that there was a duty not to conceal or to fail to disclose culpably, that is, deliberately or recklessly, that there was a duty not culpably to mislead and a duty to abstain from making a fraudulent claim, and that section 17 of the Marine Insurance Act 1906 provided the remedy of avoidance of the policy.

His Lordship said that since *Britton v Royal Insurance Co* ((1866) 4 F & F 905, 909) the law was that a fraudulent claim discharged underwriters from all liability under the policy: see also *Orakpo v Barclays Insurance Co Ltd* ([1994] CLC 373).

It was common ground that the duty of utmost good faith continued to subsist after the making of the contract of insurance, but less common ground as to the content of the duty or the remedy for its breach.

When a claim was made the duty was on both assured and insurer. The obligation not to make any misrepresentation did not need to arise under the contract itself, as was contended. There might be an obligation to disclose matters relevant to the underwriters' decision as to whether or not to settle the claim.

It was less clear from the authorities whether there was a duty to disclose co-extensive with that which existed before the contract was entered into, as opposed to a rather different obligation to make full disclosure of the circumstances of the claim.

That distinction, however, did not matter: the language of section 17 was inconsistent with an entitlement to avoid the whole contract where a party was acting innocently. The real question was whether there was room for an intermediate position between innocence and fraud.

Such a position had been successfully argued in *Black King Shipping Corporation v Massie (The Litsion Pride)* ([1985] 1 Lloyd's Rep 437, 512) where the notion of culpability was adopted. The underwriters' defence in the present case resembled that of underwriters in *Royal Boskalis Westminster NV v Mountain* (unreported, December 18, 1995).

The court agreed with the analysis of Mr Justice Rix in that case, and unhesitatingly concluded that in the present case that no enlargement of the duty not to make fraudulent claims, so as to encompass claims made culpably, was warranted.

Such statements to the contrary in *The Litsion Pride* were wrong. There was no warrant for any widening of the duty so as to embrace culpable non-disclosure. The law was correctly stated in *Clarke, The Law of Insurance Contracts* (2nd edition ((1994) p708, paragraph 27-1A).

In the present case, disclosure was sought not only in aid of the presentation of a claim but also to assist underwriters in their defence or their attempt to limit liability. The mere fact of rejection of their rejection of the claim would not, in the court's judgment, bring the duty to an end in relation to Star Sea.

But despite the fact that the pre-contractual duty of disclosure might have survived the contract in respect of any contractual decisions which underwriters continued to make under it, it was, after issue of the writ, supplanted by the procedural regime of the Rules of the Supreme Court, by which alone the obligations of the parties as to discovery were governed.

That answered the submission that there was always a duty to disclose facts relevant to a loss or claim which would otherwise be unknown to underwriters.

The underwriters' case failed.

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Victim need not give evidence

Swanston v DPP

A court was entitled to hold that threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour were perceived by a person without hearing evidence from the victim himself. Nor was the court required to hear evidence from that victim in order to find that the offence was committed with intent.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Collins) so held on December 3 when dismissing an appeal by Grant Joseph Swanston by way of case stated against his conviction by Reading Justices on January 4, 1996, of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour with intent to cause another to believe that immediate and unlawful violence would be caused, contrary to section 4(1) of the Public Order Act 1986.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that *Atkin v DPP* ((1989) 89 Cr App R 199), relied on by the appellant, shed very little light on the case. *Atkin* established that the person towards whom the behaviour was aimed must have been present to perceive it; it did not follow that the only means of proving that the victim perceived the behaviour was by hearing evidence from that person.

It was open to the justices to rely solely on evidence from a bystander and to draw the inference that the victim did perceive what was said and done by the appellant.

His Lordship also said that any admissible evidence could be used to prove that a defendant acted with intent, and there was no requirement to hear evidence from the object of the behaviour as to his actual belief.

Whether mistake gives excuse

Regina v Liverpool City Justices, Ex parte Santos

The question whether a mistake by a solicitor might be a reasonable excuse for a defendant's failure to surrender to bail had to be determined in every case in the light of all the circumstances.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Tucker) so stated on November 15 when refusing judicial review of decisions of Paul James Firth, Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate, on February 7 and 20, 1996 (i) to continue proceedings brought against the applicant, Darren Santos, under section 6(1) of the Bail Act 1976 and (ii) to refuse to hear further argument on whether those proceedings should be continued.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the explanation given for the applicant's failure to surrender to bail was that his solicitors had given him the wrong date.

In so far as the magistrate ruled that mistake by a solicitor could never be a reasonable excuse for failure to attend, that was wrong.

Equally, it would be wrong to argue that mistake by a solicitor would always be a reasonable excuse. It was a question to be determined in the light of all the circumstances.

There were no errors in this case which should lead the court, in the exercise of its discretion, to grant the remedy of judicial review.

Privy Council

Single claim over thefts

Haydon and Others v Lo & Lo (a Firm) and Another

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Griffiths, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment January 16]

A series of thefts of money and shares from two clients of a firm of solicitors gave rise to a single claim against the professional indemnity insurers and not multiple claims so that excess insurers were potentially liable to indemnify the firm for loss exceeding the limit of the primary insurers' liability.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held when dismissing appeals by the appellant excess insurers, Mr Nicholas Charles Haydon and 12 others, from the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong.

That court had dismissed their appeal from an order made by Mr Justice Liu on January 26, 1994, in the High Court of Hong Kong, and had allowed an appeal by the second respondent primary insurers, the World-Wide Marine and Fire Insurance Co Ltd, against the order of Mr Justice Liu made on August 8, 1994.

By his first order the judge had declared that the estate of Tang Kwok Kwong had only one claim against the first respondent, Lo & Lo, solicitors practising in Hong Kong, and by the second order that the estate of Tso Chak Chun had multiple claims against Lo & Lo.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Michael Bunting, of the English and Hong Kong Bars, for the excess insurers; Mr Simon Picken for Lo & Lo; Mr Ian Hunter, QC and Mr Steven Berry for the primary insurers.

LORD LLOYD said that the appeals both raised the same question as to the meaning of the words "any one claim" in a policy of professional indemnity insurance.

Both appeals arose out of the fraudulent activities of Yim Chun Kui, a senior clerk employed in the probate department of Lo & Lo. Between 1987 and 1989 Yim defrauded the estate of Tang Kwok Kwong of HK$50 million. In 1989 he stole shares valued at just under HK$11 million belonging to the estate of another client, Tso Chak Chun, by using a forged power of attorney.

The Tang estate brought proceedings against Lo & Lo. The question for determination was whether those events gave rise to multiple claims against Lo & Lo, or only one claim.

The significance of the question lay in the fact that the primary insurance was subject to a limit of HK$5 million on any one claim. Other insurers covered the excess of liability over HK$5 illion on any one claim up to a maximum of HK$75 million.

Mr Justice Liu held that the events gave rise to one claim only, thus leaving the excess insurers potentially liable for the difference between HK$5 million and HK$50 million.

The Tso estate did not bring proceedings directly against Lo & Lo. They brought proceedings for rectification against the 14 companies whose shares had been stolen by Yim and transferred to other owners. The companies joined other parties in the proceedings, who brought in other parties and ultimately Lo & Lo. The same judge held that the events gave rise to multiple claims against Lo & Lo, thus leaving the primary insurers potentially liable for the whole of the HK$11 million loss.

The excess insurers appealed against Mr Justice Liu's decision in the Tang proceedings. The primary insurers appealed against his decision in the Tso proceedings. The Court of Appeal reversed the judge's decision in the Tso proceedings, thus deciding both cases in favour of the primary insurers, by holding that there were only two claims in all. The excess insurers appealed.

Tang estate

There were 43 separate thefts falling within four broad groups. Mr Kentridge's primary argument was that each of the 43 thefts constituted a separate claim. Since none of the individual thefts reached the limit of the primary insurers' liability of HK$5 million, the excess insurers would escape liability altogether. As an alternative, he submitted that each of the four broad groups constituted separate claims.

In the insurance certificate, "claim" was sometimes used to mean a claim by Lo & Lo against their insurers under the policy of insurance. But in general "claim" was used in the sense of a claim against the insured by a third party.

The policy was a "claims made" policy. "Any one claim hereunder" in clause 2 meant any one claim by a third party against the insured giving rise to a loss recoverable under clause 3.

The question was whether the Tang estate made one claim under clause 3, or 43 separate claims. Just as the word "claim" was used in two separate senses in the certificate, so it could bear two different meanings in ordinary usage. It could mean a claim for something or a right to something.

Mr Kentridge submitted that it was used in the latter sense in clause 3, and that a claim arose whenever something happened which created a liability on the part of the insured towards a third party. Thus the first claim arose when Yim stole the first sum of money and a second claim arose when the second theft occurred on a different day. The effect of Mr Kentridge's argument was to equate claim with cause of action.

Their Lordships agreed with Mr Kentridge that it was the underlying facts which were determinative, and that the formulation of the claim by the third party could not be decisive of the insurer's liability. But it did not follow that there was a separate claim whenever a separate cause of action arose, nor that there were, as a consequence, 43 claims.

In the first place there was a linguistic difficulty. You could not "make" a cause of action within the meaning of clause 3(a). Second, and more important, it seemed unnatural to say on the facts that there were 43 separate claims.

The reality was that there was only one demand, namely, the demand made by the Tang estate on Lo & Lo; a claim for restitution of the loss caused by a dishonest employee of the firm.

Mr Kentridge's alternative argument was that there were at any rate four separate claims corresponding to the four different ways in which Yim carried through his depredations.

Their Lordships did not find that submission any more persuasive than the main submission. On the facts of this case, the different acts of dishonesty gave rise to only one claim.

Tso estate

Mr Kentridge's main submission was that there were 31 separate claims corresponding to the 31 parcels of shares stolen by Yim on eight occasions, or, alternatively, that there were eight claims.

In addition he had a further argument on the assumption, which he did not accept, that "claim" in clause 2 meant demand. There was never any claim in that sense by the Tso estate against Lo & Lo. The only direct claims against Lo & Lo were by the brokers, the companies and third parties. On that basis there were very many claims, the precise number not yet having been determined.

As to the main submission, the underlying facts were in all significant respects the same as in the Tang case. There was only one plaintiff in all the multifarious proceedings, namely the Tso estate.

There was only one underlying cause of the plaintiff's loss, namely Yim's dishonest course of conduct in forging the power of attorney and using it to procure the share transfers. It was obvious from the start that the loss suffered by the Tso estate would ultimately fall on Lo & Lo.

Mr Kentridge's argument that there were 31, or alternatively eight separate claims failed for the same reasons as those given in the Tang case.

The answer to the alternative argument lay in the proposition that although the formulation of the claim by the third party was a good starting point for determining whether there was one claim or more than one claim, it could not in all circumstances be decisive.

The Tso estate commenced 14 separate sets of proceedings. But in reality they all rested on the single claim by the estate to recover the loss resulting from Yim's dishonesty. The "claims" by the defendant companies and others all stemmed from that one claim. So far from being decisive of the question in issue, the intermediate "claims" were irrelevant.

Their Lordships recommended that both appeals should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Stephenson Harwood; Taylor Joynson Garrett.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Glenn finds Parcells tough act to follow

From Oliver Holt in New Orleans

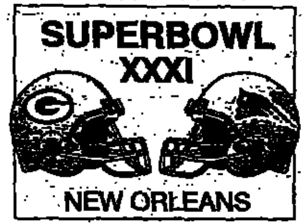
TERRY GLENN says that Bill Parcells is tough, and Terry Glenn should know. Glenn's father disappeared before he was born and, when he was 13, his mother was beaten to death by a rejected suitor who dumped her body in a derelict building near their home in Columbus, Ohio. One of his cousins was shot dead. His formative years read like the fitful frettings of an American nightmare.

When Glenn joined New England Patriots at the beginning of this season after a spectacular career in college football, Parcells, the Patriots coach, heaped more adversity on his sagging shoulders. Glenn suffered a niggling hamstring injury before the season started and missed much of the training camp. Reporters asked Parcells how he was progressing. "She'll be okay," he said.

The remark caused a furore. Parcells was publicly rebuked by the Patriots owner, Robert Kraft, and it seemed his reign in New England might be terminated in a slough of acrimony, that his future in a sport to which he had given so much was in doubt. There was talk, too, of Glenn leaving the team without playing a game.

Yet, on Tuesday morning, here on the artificial turf of the Louisiana Superdome, these two men, whose association began so charmlessly and senselessly less than six months ago, stood at lecterns a few yards apart and contemplated how their nightmares had turned into the shared dream of contesting Sunday's Super Bowl against Green Bay Packers.

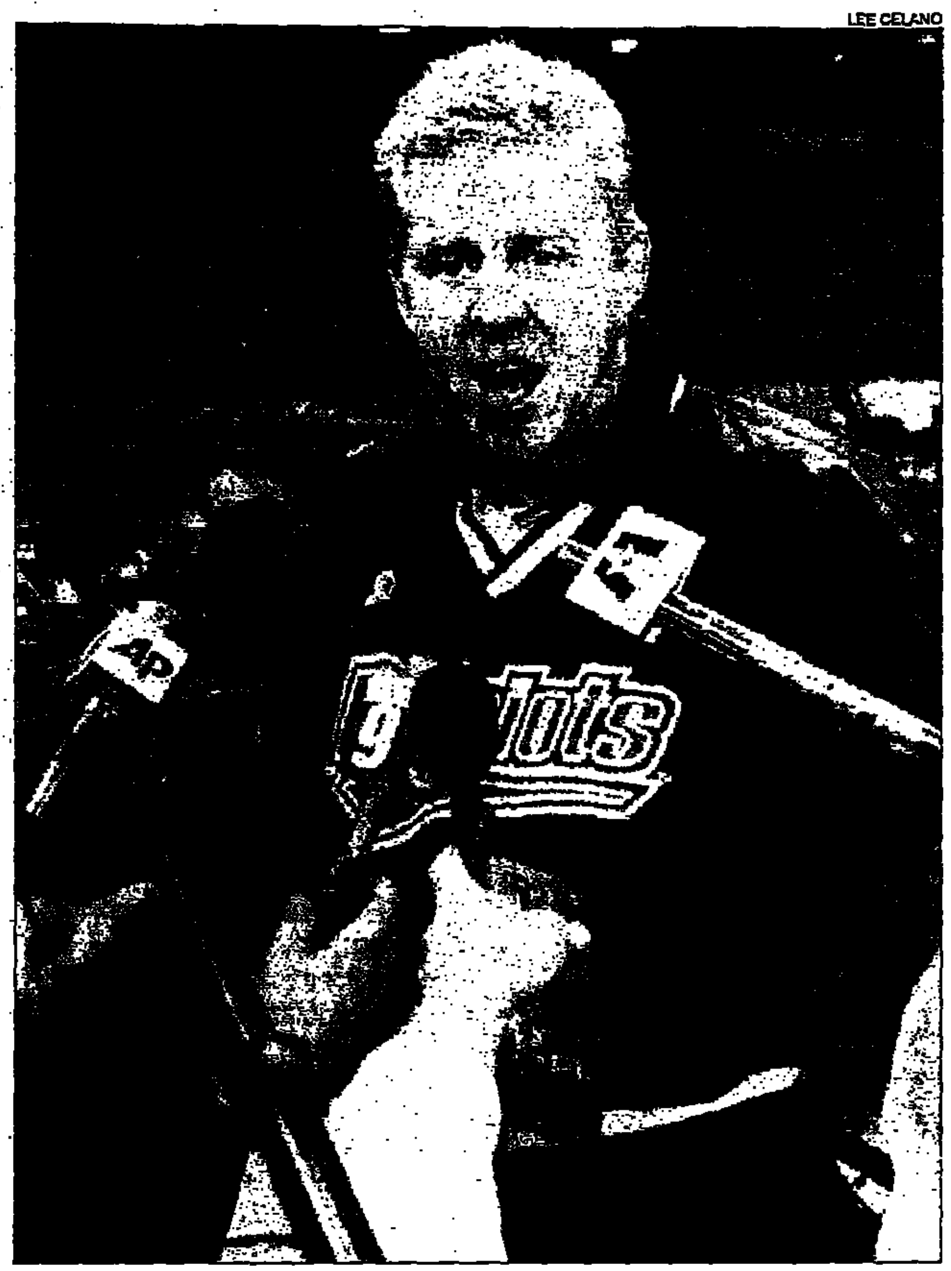
Glenn, a wide receiver whose anger and pain pushes him the length of the field with the aggressive speed of a cheetah, caught 90 passes this season, smashing the 16-year-old record for receptions made by a rookie. His achievements are likely to earn him the prestigious Rookie of the Year award and have been one of the primary reasons behind the Patriots' success.



Parcells' management of Glenn's speed, the passing of his quarterback, Drew Bledsoe, and the running of Curtis Martin have allowed him to add versatility to a reputation that has never been higher. He took the New York Giants to two Super Bowls, courtesy of a formidable defense. Now, using three potent offensive players, he is about to become only the second coach in the history of the National Football League (NFL) to take two different teams to the sport's showpiece occasion.

He has done it against a background of continued bickering with Kraft and rumours that he will leave the Patriots after the Super Bowl to become head coach of the parlous New York Jets. A notoriously irritable, explosive character, fond of spitting expletives at the objects of his wrath, he has even mellowed enough to be able to bathe in the success of his charges.

LEE CELANO



Microphones surround Parcells as the Patriots coach holds court at the Superdome

"Who has had it better than me?" Parcells said. "Nobody has. I admit that. I have been lucky. And you know what gives me the greatest pleasure — it is these faces here today, the faces of these young players who are just about to play in a Super Bowl and the faces of the guys who played in my other two Super Bowls.

"I have been through some things, I had to retire from the game because of heart trouble for a while, but I have stopped putting so much pressure on myself and I am much more disciplined now. I used to smoke and I used to be a compulsive eater and I don't do that any more. I always exercised, thank God, or I would be dead now.

"People say I am a hard disciplinarian and, sure, I don't want thugs and hoodlums on my team. If I have some, I get rid of them. I do want discipline, but it has got nothing to do with whether a guy has got long hair or wears an earring or whether he shines his shoes. It is about being a smart team.

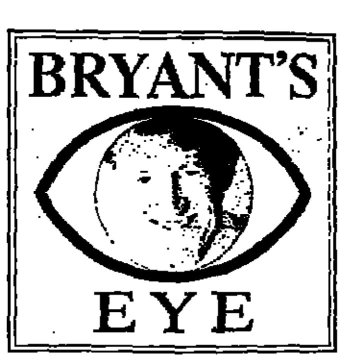
"I am a coach and a teacher and, as corny as it sounds, I am trying to influence people. I tell them what is important in this life. I tell them they need to pay their taxes because a lot of kids do not know that."

Glenn, who stood at his lectern wearing a chain with his number, 88, dangling from it in big, gold figures, knows too much already about paying life's dues. He harbours no bitterness towards Parcells; he says, in fact, that they are "best of friends".

"He [Parcells] can be a bully sometimes, but behind closed doors you would be surprised. He is as sensitive as the next man. I heard a lot of things about him before I came here, but 'tough' was the major one. It's difficult to argue with that.

"This is a fantastic thing that has happened to me, to get to the Super Bowl, but I know I can never be totally happy. In the back of my mind, I keep waiting for something bad to happen. I got reasons to think that way. Every time something good has happened, something bad has happened."

Slow starter who found the world at his feet



We are brought up to believe in a great sporting myth — the myth of the "natural sportsman". We are conditioned from childhood to think that an individual is either genetically athletic, or is not, and that sporting talent comprises a single unchanging set of abilities — a gift with which some lucky individuals are born.

As children, we all knew of a natural athlete, a boy or girl who seemed to be blessed with the ability to perform at sports more easily than the rest of us. Those who were not born with such talent, those in the class who were always the last to be picked for any team, all too often gave up for ever on sport, believing they could never compete against classmates so brimful of talent.

But this week, a most unlikely world record-breaker has blown that myth to the winds. He is Steve Fossett, an extraordinary balloonist, who has just flown halfway around the world in six days to set new records for distance and endurance.

The man in the balloon basket who, flying solo, achieved so much more than his high-tech rivals, Richard Branson and the Belgian, Wim Verstraeten, in their race to circumnavigate the globe, has a remarkable sporting history. It demonstrates beyond doubt that, when it comes to sporting achievement, guts and determination can get you to places that talent can only dream of.

Yet, at first sight, Fossett, from Colorado, does not look the part of the great all-round sportsman. He is 52, an inch or two under six feet, paunchy at 14st 4lb, a little short-sighted and going bald.

Of course, he has not always looked that athletic. When he was young, he appeared to be even less promising material. He was an asthmatic child and advised not to take part in games at all. While others played, he sat it out and filled his time reading of the exploits of polar explorers and mountain climbers.

As a teenager, Fossett tried and failed to make his school swimming team. But later, this failed swimmer went on to swim across the English Channel. As a teenager he tried and failed to make his school cross country team; but this non-runner went on to run in the Boston Marathon and in the Leadville 100-mile race over tough mountain trails in Colorado, a trek that he completed in less than 30 hours.

He may have had a slow and unpromising start. But he has guts and is one of life's competitors, never happy to sit on the sidelines as a spectator.

"People spend a lot of time watching sports," Fossett said. "I've set a priority of participating in sports. I've spent a lot of time finding sports where I am able to be competitive. I've found that, in endurance sports, you can accomplish something without being an actual athlete, just by training and doing it.

'Guts can get you to places that talent can only dream of'

"With sailing and ballooning I've chosen sports that fit my circumstances, but most people can do something."

Something, in Fossett's case, actually means quite a lot. Much of his adult life has been devoted to incredible record-breaking adventures on land, sea and air.

He has attempted to climb Everest, driven a Porsche in the Le Mans and Daytona 24-hour races, taken part in the Paris-Dakar rally, and competed in a 760-mile bicycle race. He finished 47th in Alaska's gruelling Iditarod dog-sled race, and climbed Argentina's 23,000-ft Aconcagua. He has conquered Mount McKinley in Alaska, Kilimanjaro in Kenya, and the Vinson Massif — the highest peak in Antarctica. Inevitably, he enjoys the odd winter triathlon — consisting of 13 miles of cross-country skiing, ten miles of running uphill in snowshoes and ten miles of speed-skating.

Two years ago, Fossett was the first to cross the Pacific by balloon, setting a world distance record of 5,435 miles flying solo from South Korea to Saskatchewan. Within six months, he was the skipper of a three-man crew aboard the yacht *Lacota* that broke the 110-year-old record for sailing across the Pacific.

He had already sailed a trimaran non-stop around Great Britain and Ireland in four days 21 hours and five minutes, cutting Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's 1970 record by more than half.

This is a man who relishes a challenge and does not give up easily. When he was attacking the Channel swim, it took four attempts over five years before he was finally successful in September 1985. He made it eventually, nearly unconscious, bruised, bleeding and suffering from hypothermia after more than 22 hours in the water — the last five against a hostile tide. The Channel Swimming Association awarded Fossett its Van Audenaerde Endurance Trophy for sheer guts.

Amid all the adventuring, Fossett managed to turn himself into a millionaire by brokering commodities. He has got the funds and the persistence to have another crack at one of the world's last great unaccomplished feats — ballooning non-stop around the Earth.

The boy who was warned off sport in his classroom still dreams in middle-age of conquering the world. A natural athlete he may not be, but he is a record-breaker. Fossett is a man who knows that, when it comes to pushing back the barriers, natural gifts and talent may get you started, but there is never any substitute for guts.

JOHN BRYANT

BOWLS

Duff in defiant mood

HUGH DUFF, the 1988 champion, overcame illness and a gritty opponent to reach the second round of the Saga world indoor singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

After beating Mark Bantock, the English champion, 7-5, 7-4, 1-7, 7-2, Duff, a Scot, said: "I was ill before the game and had to leave the rink during the second set because I felt so unwell, but somehow I managed to raise my game when Mark hit top form."

Bantock, from High Wycombe, led 5-4 in the first set, when Duff, who reached the final last year, collected a treble to win 7-5. Duff was restricted to singles in the second set, which took ten ends to complete.

The balance of power shifted Bantock's way in the third, which he won deservedly after racing into a 6-0 lead at five ends, but Duff, who manages the Cumbernauld indoor bowls club, regained control to win the fourth set easily enough. He now plays Gary Smith, another Englishman, for a place in the quarter-finals. Smith recovered to beat the extrovert Tony Tong, a qualifier from Hong Kong, 5-7, 7-0, 7-5, 7-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Toronto 118 Minnesota 106; Charlotte 114 Houston 108, Miami 94 Atlanta 91, Orlando 93 Washington 88; Chicago 88 New York 87; Indiana 92 Milwaukee 89, Portland 100 LA Clippers 82; Golden State 105 Dallas 93.

7-UP TROPHY: Quarter-final, second leg: Chester 89 Thames Valley 89 (Chester win 180-174 on aggregate).

BILLIARDS

HYDERABAD: Gold Flake Open: Quarter-finals: M Russell (Eng) bt M Jayaram (India) 4-0; R Chapman (Eng) bt C Shah (India) 4-1; I Williamson (Eng) bt D Causier (Eng) 4-3, S Multani (India) bt R Foldvari (Aus) 4-3; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt M Rehani (India) 4-0; S Agarwal (India) bt M Ferreira (India) 4-1; N Patel (India) bt D Joshi (India) 4-3; G Sethi (India) bt C Shutt (Eng) 4-2

BOWLS

PRESTON: World indoor championships: First round: Singles: M McMahon (Aus) bt K Schischka (NZ) 7-2, 7-0, 7-0; A Allcock (Eng) bt A Welch (Guer) 2-7, 7-4, 7-0, 7-1; S Rees (Wales) bt A Bushell (Wales) 7-6, 7-6, 7-2; H Duff (Scot) bt M Bantock (Eng) 7-5, 7-4, 1-7, 7-2

BOXING

BRISTOL: World Boxing Council international middleweight championship (vacant, 12rds): Glenn Catley (Bristol) bt Georges Bocco (Benin, West Africa) ret 4th. Heavy (4rds): Greg Wedlake (Minehead) bt John Davidson (Swansea) rsc 2nd. Super-middle (10rnds): Joe Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt Carlos Christie (Birmingham) ko 2nd. Middle (6rds). Darren Dorrington (Bristol) bt Peter Mitchell (Southampton) rsc 2nd. Welter (4rds): Justin Simmons (Plymouth) bt Paul Miles (Walton) pts

FOOTBALL

Tuesday's late results

FA CUP: Third round: Gillingham 0 Derby County 2; Luton Town 1 Bolton Wanderers 1; Watford 2 Oxford United 0. Third-round replay: Wimbledon 2 Crewe Alexandra 0

COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-final: Ipswich Town 0 Leicester City 1

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Brentford 0 Bristol Rovers 0. Postponed: Bury v Shrewsbury. Third division: Cambridge United 3 Exeter City 2; Leyton Orient 1 Wigan Athletic 2; Mansfield Town 2 Doncaster Rovers 0

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Second round: Northern section: York City 1 Preston North End 0. Postponed: Carlisle United v Hull City. Southern section: Peterborough United 2 Walsall 0: Swansea City 0 Bristol City 1.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 2 Kilmarnock 0. First division: Postponed: Greenock Morton v St Mirren. Second division: Ayr 2 Stranraer 0. Clyde 1 Brechin 1; Dumbarton 0 Stenhousemuir 2. Third division: Alloa 1 East Stirling 1. Postponed: Cowdenbeath v Albion

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First-round replays: Altrincham 1 Gresley Rovers 0. Halesowen Town 0 Southport 2; Dorchester 1 Slough 1 (aet). Grantham 1 Blyth Spartans 1 (aet); Hayes 2 Yeovil 2 (aet)

FA CARLSBERG VASE: First-round replays: North Ferriby Utd 1 Stamford 0; Whitstable Town 2 Concord Rangers 1 (aet)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 2 Wimbledon 1

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 3 Lancaster 0.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gravesend and Northfleet 2 Hastings 0. Midland division: Bedworth Utd 1 Stafford Rangers 1

ICIS LEAGUE: Third division: Flackwell Heath 1 Northwood 1. Guardian Insurance Cup: Third round: Braintree Town 3 Billericay Town 1

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: Quarter-finals, first leg: Barry Town 3 Inter Cable-Tel 1; Llansantffraid 1 Caernarfon Town 1; Newtown 0 Ton Pentre 0; Rhyl 0 Bangor City 0

PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield Wednesday 0 Everton 0. First division: Aston Villa 2 Port Vale 0. Second division: Grimsby Town 1 Rotherham United 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Wimborne Town 2 Bournemouth 1

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: St Patricks Athletic 1 Shelbourne 1

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports 1 Hailsham Town 3; Pagham 1 Selsey 1. John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Oakwood 1 Ringmer 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Third-round replay: Pickering Town 2 Hall Road Rangers 0. President's Cup: Fourth round: Belper Town 3 Maltby MW 0, Hucknall Town 1 Denaby Utd 0

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Town 1 Eastwood Hanley 2

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Herne Bay 1 Greenwich Borough 1. Ramsgate 4 Thamesmead Town 0, Tunbridge Wells 1 Cray Wanderers 2

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Waltham Abbey 0 St Margaretsbury 0

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple Tn 1 Taunton Tn 4

IRISH LEAGUE COCA-COLA FLOODLIT CUP: First round, first leg: Omagh Town 1 Portadown 3

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich and Parkeston 1 Tiptree Utd 3

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Coventry City 0 Tranmere Rovers 1. Third-round replay: Blackburn 2 Bury 0

OTHER MATCH: Raith Rovers 1 Bayern Munich 0

BRISBANE: Four-nations tournament: Australia 2 South Korea 1; Norway 3 New Zealand 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: ESFA Snickers Under-19 Trophy: Aylesbury GS 5 St Birinus 3, Northgate HS 1 Sprowston HS 2; University College, Suffolk 2 Colchester VI Coll 3, Long Road VI Coll 0 Palmers Coll 3. FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Durham 0 Northumberland 3. FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Derbyshire 4 Nottinghamshire 2. ESFA Goodyear under-16 Trophy: Thomas Hepburn, Durham 4 Whitehaven, Cumbria 2. ESFA Girls Under-16 Vimto Trophy: Preslalyn HS 0 Bridgenorth Endowed 5

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 4 Edmonton 4 (OT), Philadelphia 3 Dallas 3 (OT); Pittsburgh 4 Calgary 2; Tampa Bay 3 Colorado 2 (OT). New Jersey 4 Los Angeles 1

SUPERLEAGUE: Sheffield 5 Manchester 3

PREMIER LEAGUE: Slough 1 Solihull 2 (OT)

ICE SKATING

PARIS: European championships: Pairs (after short programme): 1, M Yeltsova and A Bushkov (Russ) 0 5 factored placements: 2, M Woetzel and I Steuer (Ger) 1 0; 3, S Abitbol and S Bernadis (Fr) 1.5, 4, Y Berezhnaya and A Sikharulidze (Russ) 2 0; 5, E Shishkova and V Naumov (Russ) 2 5. 6, D Zagorska and M Siudek (Pol) 3 0, 9, L Rogers and M Aldred (GB) 4 5

MOTOR RALLYING

MONACO: Monte Carlo Rally: Leading positions (after 15 stages): 1, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 3hr 59min 29sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp, Ford Escort) 4 00 02; 3, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4 01 20; 4, A Schwarz (Ger, Ford Escort) 4 04 07; 5, U Nittel (Ger, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4 10.13; 6, H Lundgaard (Den, Toyota Celica) 4.16 53; 7, O Burri (Switz, Subaru Impreza) 4.17 07, 8, G Trelles (Sp, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4 21 17; 9, J Holdener (Ger, Toyota Celica) 4 21 43, 10, A Kremer (Ger, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4 22 24

TABLE TENNIS

SLOUGH: European women's league: Super division: Semi-final, second leg: England 0 Germany 4 (England names first A Holt lost to E Schall 15-21, 9-21; G Schwartz lost to J Schopp 6-21, 6-21, N Deaton lost to C Bottcher 21-19, 14-21, 10-21. Holt and Deaton lost to Schall and Schopp 21-23, 5-21. Germany win 8-1 on agg)

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VERNONS: Treble chance 24pts £2,016 35, 23pts £39 20, 22pts £6 75. Super shots £141 50. Premier 10 £122 00

ZETTERS: Treble chance 24pts £563 15, 23pts £7 10, 22pts 0.80p. First Eight 15pts £145 40, 14pts £4 15, 13pts 0 85. Four aways £158 00. Eight homes £11 00. Four draws £7 00. Super Seven £150 40. Lucky numbers 25 33 12 31 28 38

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Tennents Scottish Cup

Third round

Hibernian v Aberdeen (8.0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Swansea (at Plough Lane, 2.0)

PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Sunderland v Notts Co (at Durham C). Second division: Manchester C v Shrewsbury (at Witton Albion)

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Whitchurch v Bemerton Heath

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Southend v Watford

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Notts v Leics (Bilsworth, 7.15). Under-16: Durham v Northumberland (S Shields, 7.0); W Yorks v G Manchester (Emley, 7.0)

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BOWLS: World indoor championships (in Preston).

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Manchester v Bracknell (7.30).

SQUASH: British championships (in Manchester)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ALFORD nee MOLLER, WINIFRED BURLEIGH ALFORD nee MOLLER WIDOW late of Hackney, London

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South Kensington, London SW1 died at Chelsea, London SW10 on 4 February 1996
(Estate about £86,000)

HILL, BARRY CHARLES ERNEST HILL otherwise BARRY CHARLES HILL late of Solihull, West Midlands died there on 31 August 1995
(Estate about £7,600)

HOCKEY nee ADAMS, NORAH JANE HOCKEY nee ADAMS WIDOW late of Bexley, Kent died at Sidcup, Kent on 7 July 1994
(Estate about £150,000)

HULL, EDWIN HULL late of Walthamstow, London E17 died at Leytonstone, London E11 on 4 AUGUST 1996
(Estate about £50,000)

JONES, ANNIE LOUISA JONES SPINSTER late of Basildon, Essex died Grays, Essex on 13 August

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Middlesbrough, Cleveland died there on 8 August 1993
(Estate about £6,500)

WALTON, JOHN CHARLES WALTON late of Bristol, Avon died there on 5 June 1996
(Estate about £50,000)

WOOD, DEBORAH WOOD SPINSTER late of Brighton, East Sussex died at Hove, East Sussex on 19 March 1995
(Estate about £6,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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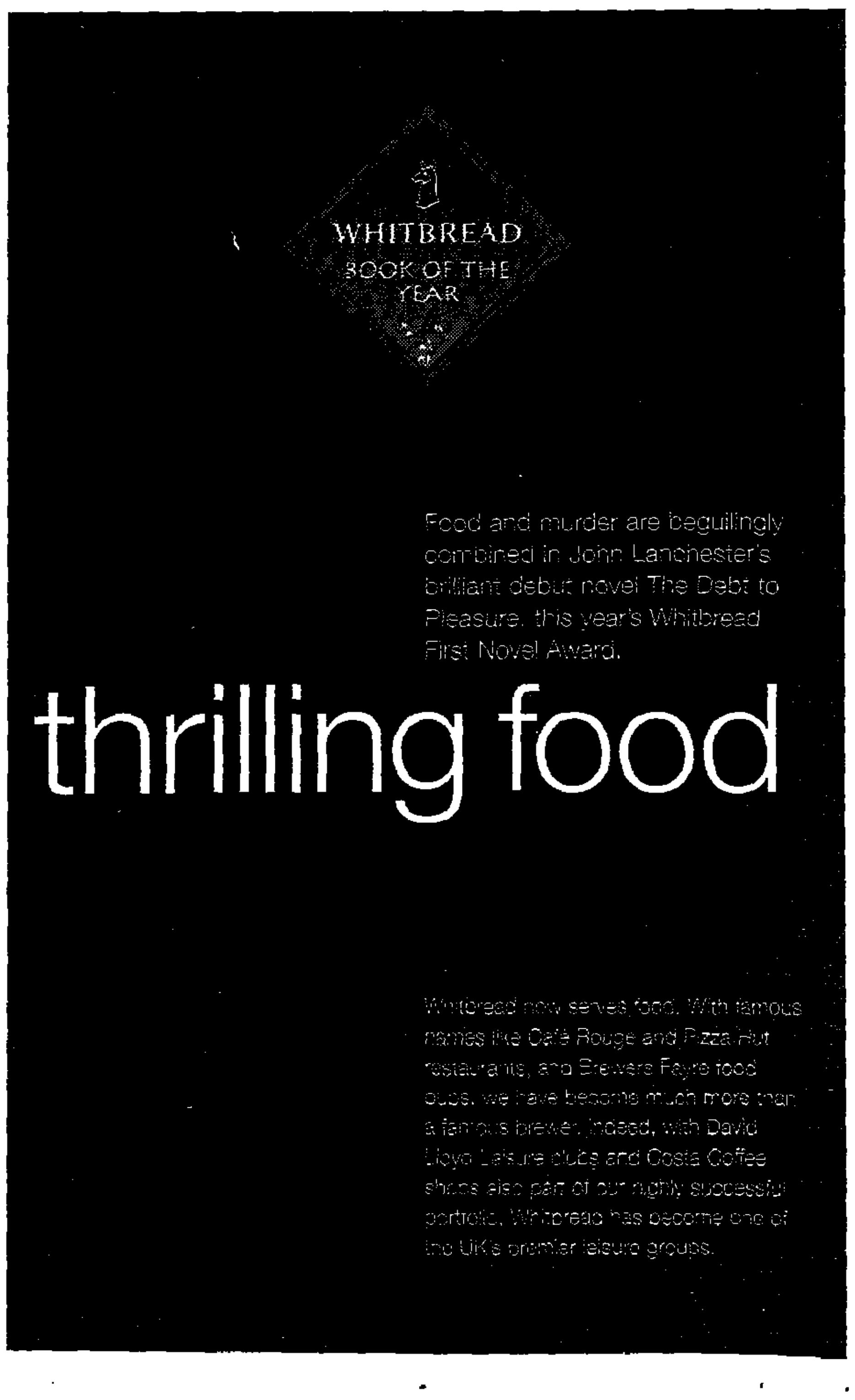
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RACING POST V The Sporting Life

Battle lines drawn on betting shop walls

Julian Muscat on the trade papers at odds over sales to bookmakers

JULIAN HERBERT

A punter studies the form on the *Racing Post's* new display sheets at a William Hill betting shop in Guildford yesterday

A fresh urgency has infiltrated the daily circulation war between racing's trade newspapers, *The Sporting Life* and *Racing Post*. The battle has raged for more than ten years but the battleground has shifted from the vendor's stand to high street betting shops. And the ramifications are uncomfortable for *The Sporting Life* unless it can respond effectively to the latest challenge.

A deal struck between *Racing Post* and the "Big Three" bookmakers has ensured that the Post's new display sheets, specifically tailored for the needs of punters, now have pride of place on the shop walls of Ladbrokes, William Hill and Coral. This breakthrough into the traditional domain of *The Sporting Life* has reduced demand for it among the Big Three, which owns some 4,200 of the nation's 8,700 betting outlets.

According to Michael Harris, chief executive at the Maktoum-owned *Racing Post*, the idea was conceived after a re-design of *The Sporting Life* left bookmakers disgruntled with the new format. In the summer the Life moved away from its bookmaker-friendly design, leaving betting shop staff the time-consuming process of dissecting the newspaper before relaying it on betting shop walls.

Furthermore, overlapping form guides on consecutive pages meant extra copies of the Life were required to give punters the complete service to which they were accustomed. The Post moved in, establishing the ideal design with the Big Three before producing broadsheet display sheets at an additional cost of £1. It is understood the Big Three have pledged their support for the next 12 months.

The Life, whose proprietor is Mirror Group Newspapers, responded immediately with its own display sheets, similarly styled and 35 pence cheaper. But the damage — certainly in the short term — has been done. "The *Racing Post* has been working on this for some time," said Coral's marketing manager, Tony Brook. "Having consulted with them, it would be morally wrong for us to jetison the project at this stage. Obviously punters are used to a different layout, but the Post's sheets have been generally well received."

One suspects the Big Three's shunning of the Life is designed to chasten it for ignoring protestations at the format. Yet Brook insisted: "Betting shop culture has changed enormously over the last year. There is pressure on wall space from other sports. We are driven by the needs of customers and staff, and *Racing Post* reacted better to this changing need."

Tom Clarke, editor of *The Sporting Life*, said his newspaper did respond to bookmaker complaints without abandoning its reader-friendly theme. "We are trying to sell to two different audiences," he said. "There is the collection of racegoers, punters, owners and breeders, who all want a newspaper, and the bookmaker audience, which sees us as wallpaper. The Post has broken into territory we are proud of and prepared to fight for.

"In the short term they will gain some market share," Clarke continued. "It will be modest but not substantial. In the long term our readers will have the final say. If enough of them complain, the Big Three will have to act." Although unable to be specific, Clarke said offensives were planned on other fronts. "It is very expensive for both of us. How long it goes on depends on how much the Maktoums are prepared to bail out their newspaper."

Harris, for the Post, accepted his newspaper was taking a chunk out of opposition circulation rather than increasing its own. Historically, each of the country's 8,700 betting shops makes an average daily purchase of 2.1 copies of *The Sporting Life* and one *Racing Post*. Now, whichever its preference, a shop needs only buy one of each.

Last year, ABC figures for average daily sales put *The Sporting Life* at 67,717 and *Racing Post* at 50,788. Harris estimates the Life could lose 8,000 in daily sales, a figure described as a "worst-case scenario" by Clarke. However, if that happens, *Racing Post* will have made a quantum leap towards achieving parity in market share. The numbers may be small but the stakes could hardly be higher.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

1.20 Nasone. 1.50 Grooving. 2.20 Ambidextrous. 2.50 Wee Windy. 3.20 Wreckless Man. 3.50 Sublime Fellow. 4.20 Mr Moonlight.

GOING: GOOD SIS

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.20 OFFORD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,055: 2m 110yd) (22 runners)

101 -122 QUEEN OF SPADES 54 (D,BF,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-7 DOUBTFUL
102 1 CHERRYMORE 33 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 W Marston
103 0-0 CLINTON 44 K Bailey 6-11-5 A Thornton
104 -053 FERRERS 35 (G) Mrs P Sly 6-11-5 R Marley
105 PP-U GLENMAVIS 33 P Pritchard 10-11-5 P Pritchard
106 055- HARLEQUIN CHORUS 306 J Old 7-11-5 G Upton
107 F-3F HENRYS PORT 41 M Meade 7-11-5 M Richards
108 0-00 JUST ANDY 7 B Preece 6-11-5 T Jenks
109 U0 KYBO'S REVENGE 37 R Rowe 6-11-5 D O'Sullivan
110 02-0 LEGIBLE 35 (G) S Mellor 9-11-5 R Johnson
111 4PP- LIBERTARIAN 281 D Sherwood 7-11-5 G Hogan (3)
112 /P-0 LOCH GARMAN 44 F Murphy 7-11-5 B Fenton
113 0-42 NASONE 42 (S) J Gifford 6-11-5 P Hide
114 0-06 PHYSICAL FUN 42 A Blackmore 6-11-5 D Skyrme
115 0 REACH THE CLOUDS 57 J Upson 5-11-5 C Maude
116 36-0 REVERSE THRUST 49 P Hedger 6-11-5 M Clinton (7)
117 40-3 SHEKELS 64 C Brooks 6-11-5 D Gallagher
118 2 SIERRA BAY 653 O Sherwood 7-11-5 J Osborne
119 1142 SUPREME CHARM 33 (G) K Bailey 5-11-5 S McNeill
120 10 TIDAL FORCE 9 (F) P Hobbs 5-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
121 00-0 BLUE HAVANA 229 G Rice 5-11-0 J R Kavanagh
122 20-4 TULLOW LADY 41 C Brennan 5-11-0 M Brennan

7-4 Nasone, 5-2 Sierra Bay, 5-1 Cherrymore, 6-1 Supreme Charm, 10-1 Physical Fun, 14-1 Ferrers, 16-1 others.

1.50 KITTY WARD-THOMAS NOVICES CHASE (£4,143: 2m 110yd) (11)

201 0-F1 GROOVING 35 (G,S) J Gifford 8-11-11 P Hide
202 56-1 GUINDA 48 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-6 D Walsh
203 P00- ALTHREY BLUE 289 A Turnell 8-11-4 S McNeill
204 432- BLAIR CASTLE 427 (F) G Balding 6-11-4 B Fenton
205 -110 CRACK ON 68 (BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-11-4 R Johnson
206 0-43 JUST BRUCE 9 Mrs E Heath 8-11-4 K Gaule
207 11-2 LIGHTENING LAD 75 (G,S) J King 9-11-4 C Maude
208 0- MHEANMETOO 409 D Williams 6-11-4 G Hogan (3)
209 -0PF MR MOTIVATOR 9 T Kersey 7-11-4 I Lawrence
210 P-4 WARSPITE 7F P Mooney 7-11-4 S Ryan (5)
211 35- WHO IS EQUINAME 437 (S) N Henderson 7-11-4 M A Fitzgerald

5-2 Grooving, 7-2 Guinda, 9-2 Crack On, 5-1 Blair Castle, Lightening Lad, 12-1 Who Is Equiname, 16-1 others.

2.20 YELLING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,583: 2m 110yd) (17)

301 020- MILLENIUM LASS 521F Miss M Rowland 9-11-12 Gary Lyons
302 446 OTTAVIO FARNESE 49 A Hide 5-11-10 P Hide
303 1402 SIETSCHHORN BARD 34 (G) D Gandolfo 7-11-9 D Fortt (3)
304 30-F NIAGARA SOUND 96 B Preece 6-11-6 T Jenks
305 27P/ MARROWFAT LADY 547F N Berry 6-11-3 S Melrose (7)
306 3200 RED LIGHT 28 (B) J Jenkins 5-10-13 J Osborne
307 0-6P GENTLE BREEZE 58 J Gifford 5-10-13 DOUBTFUL
308 P-21 AMBIDEXTROUS 3F (D,S) E Alston 5-10-8 L Cummins (7)
309 644 BAASM 33 J Norton 4-10-1 B Grattan (5)
310 46/P RUSTIC GENT 42 (V,F,S) Mrs L Jewell 9-10-0 D Leahy
311 -000 THE BREWER 48 J Tuck 5-10-0 S McNeill
312 6001 SAM ROCKETT 4 (B,F) P Mooney 4-10-0 (7ex) S Ryan (5)
313 -004 STORM TIGER 47 (V) S Mellor 5-10-0 E Husband (3)
314 -P63 HEAVENS ABOVE 36 F Murphy 5-10-0 B Fenton
315 0P6 DARING RYDE 48 J Smith 6-10-0 A Thornton
316 -40P MR GORDON BENNETT 38 R O'Sullivan 6-10-0 X Aizpuru (7)
317 P0P PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 43 R Stronge 5-10-0 D Walsh

9-4 Sietschhorn Bard, 5-1 Sam Rockett, 7-1 Ambidextrous, 10-1 Niagara Sound, 12-1 Storm Tiger, Millenium Lass, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 21 winners from 59 runners, 35.6%; P Hobbs, 5 from 15, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 32, 31.3%; N Henderson, 10 from 37, 27.0%; D Gandolfo, 8 from 31, 25.8%; D Nicholson, 12 from 50, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Hide, 17 winners from 55 rides, 30.9%; W Marston, 10 from 50, 20.0%; A Thornton, 6 from 34, 17.6%; J Tilley, 4 from 23, 17.4%; S McNeill, 9 from 52, 17.3%; K Gaule, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

2.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £4,141: 3m) (13)

401 20-1 MELNIK 37 (G,S) Mrs A Perrett 6-11-3 C Maude
402 0-6 BOOTS N ALL 36 G Balding 7-10-10 B Clifford
403 0P-P CLAYMORE LAD 55 J King 7-10-10 T J Murphy
404 -5F5 DUKES MEADOW 40 (S) K Bailey 7-10-10 A Thornton
405 263F MR PICKPOCKET 33 (S) Miss H Knight 9-10-10 J F Titley
406 /P-P SAINT KEYNE 35 (F) D Williams 7-10-10 J R Kavanagh
407 13-3 SIR LEONARD 37 (S) O Sherwood 7-10-10 J Osborne
408 -06P STROKESAVER 35 (F) C Brooks 7-10-10 D Gallagher
409 05-P THE BIRD O'DONNELL 58 (G,S) F Murphy 11-10-10 Mr T J Barry (7)
410 -30U THE REVEREND BERT 52 G Balding 9-10-10 B Fenton
411 5-2F THE SHY PADRE 43 Mrs J Pitman 8-10-10 R Farrant
412 -222 WEE WINDY 41 (BF,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-10 P Hide
413 -5F4 PEARL EPEE 33 D Nicholson 8-10-5 R Johnson

7-2 Wee Windy, 5-1 Melnik, Mr Pickpocket, 7-1 Sir Leonard, 8-1 The Shy Padre, 10-1 The Reverend Bert, 12-1 others.

3.20 SAPLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,287: 2m 5f 110yd) (18)

501 F4P0 SWING QUARTET 41 (G) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-12 D Walsh (3)
502 4333 LORD ROOBLE 45 J Gifford 6-11-7 W Greatrex (10)
503 -664 MARERE 45 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) H Callaghan 10-11-7 Michael Brennan
504 0246 ICANTELYA 51 (G,S) J Mullins 8-11-5 P Henley
505 0-F2 BRANCHER 38 (F) J Norton 6-11-4 E Callaghan
506 -640 DAHLIA'S BEST 49 (G) Miss M Rowland 7-11-3 G Hogan
507 /P2- BIGWHEEL BILL 488 (F,G) J Jenkins 8-11-2 D Yellowlees (10)
508 63-3 WRECKLESS MAN 55 (F,G,S) J Old 10-10-13 S Greatry (7)
509 5265 SWAN STREET 42 C Mann 6-10-10 J Magee (3)
510 2-P4 MADAME PRESIDENT 57 (F) C Morlock 6-10-10 D Fortt
511 -PP4 MOOBAKKR 35 (D,F,G,S) T Morgan 6-10-9 R Massey
512 S66P ANLACE 42 (F,G) S Mellor 8-10-7 E Husband
513 0336 BATTY'S ISLAND 76 (C,F,G,S) B Preece 8-10-0 J Mogford (4)
514 5-24 LUKE WARM 79 (BF) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (3)
515 4-P2 JOY FOR LIFE 38 R Stronge 6-10-0 G Supple (4)
516 -002 POLO PONY 35 J Upson 5-10-0 B Grattan
517 P0P5 LETS GO NOW 37 Mrs L Jewell 7-10-0 S Tormey
518 5-02 WE'RE IN THE MONEY 50 (G) Miss J Bower 13-10-0 Claudine Froggatt (10)

6-1 Wreckless Man, Lord Rooble, 7-1 Madame President, Brancher, 8-1 Swan Street, 10-1 Joy For Life, 12-1 others.

3.50 MARCH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,527: 2m 110yd) (7)

601 1514 SUBLIME FELLOW 28 (D,F,G) N Henderson 7-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
602 5P33 MAN MOOD 54 (B,G,S) C Brooks 6-11-6 Mr E James
603 -434 KHALIDI 36 (F,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-2 J Osborne
604 21-2 AAL EL AAL 33 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-1 G Tormey
605 P-P5 MONDAY CLUB 54 (D,F,G,S) J Tuck 13-10-13 S McNeill
606 /P-0 THE FLYING FOOTMAN 57 (CD,G,S) R Dickin 11-10-7 P Hide
607 0440 COURT BARACHOIS 6 (CD,F,S) Mrs E Heath 9-10-0 K Gaule

2-1 Man Mood, 3-1 Aal El Aal, 7-2 Sublime Fellow, 6-1 Monday Club, 8-1 Khalidi, 12-1 The Flying Footman, 14-1 Court Barachois.

4.20 HUNTINGDON MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,602: 2m 110yd) (22)

1 00 ABOVE SUSPICION 44 C James 5-11-5 Mr E James
2 0 BARTHOLOMEW FAIR 35 C Egerton 6-11-5 I Lawrence
3 3 CHASING THE MOON 35 G Balding 5-11-5 B Fenton
4 0-0 EUROCHIEF 37 R Stronge 6-11-5 D Walsh
5 04 FIDDLER'S LEAP 44 Miss H Knight 5-11-5 Mr A Wintle (7)
6 FOLDING Mrs A Barclay 6-11-5 P Hide
7 GREEN KING A Jones 5-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
8 0 JUST JIM 33 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 L Sethem (7)
9 3 KING MOLE 35 J Old 6-11-5 G Upton
10 3 MERSEY MASQUERADE 32 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 R Hodge
11 4 MR MOONLIGHT 35 C Brooks 5-11-5 D Gallagher
12 0 NEW LEAF 71 D Gandolfo 5-11-5 D Fortt (3)
13 PEDLAR'S CROSS G McCourt 5-11-5 R Studholme (7)
14 ROYAL TEAM M Wilkinson 5-11-5 M Sharratt
15 STONEHENGE SAM J Mullins 5-11-5 S Curran
16 TAILORMADE T Forster 5-11-5 A Thornton
17 TAPPERS KNAPP C Sherwood 5-11-5 J Osborne
18 0 BLAMELESS 59 Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 J F Titley
19 33 RACHEL LOUISE 41 T Kersey 5-11-0 S McNeill
20 THE CLARSACH T Forster 5-11-0 S Wynne
21 00- TUPENNY SMOKE 250 G Rae 5-11-0 Martin Smith (7)
22 ARDLEIGH VENTURE M Tompkins 4-10-2 K Gaule

3-1 Chasing The Moon, 7-2 King Mole, 4-1 Mersey Masquerade, 10-1 New Leaf, 12-1 Fiddler's Leap, Mr Moonlight, 16-1 others.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 3.40 Sheraz. HUNTINGDON: 2.20 Storm Tiger. WINCANTON: 1.30 Show Faith.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

1.30 Hay Dance. 2.00 Jac Del Prince. 2.30 Soldier Mak. 3.00 Dromhana. 3.30 Thumbs Up. 4.00 Top Skipper.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, FIRM IN PLACES SIS

1.30 PAINTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,183: 2m) (6 runners)

1 1-13 POTENTATE 40 (D,BF,F,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 A P McCoy 98
2 2123 MORSTOCK 5 (CD,G) R Hodges 7-11-1 T Dascombe (3) 99
3 F-UF WINDWARD ARIOM 131 (B,D,F,G,S) P Mitchell 11-10-11 A Lamach 96
4 3121 HAY DANCE 34 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-10-5 N Williamson 98
5 -405 NASHVILLE STAR 34 (V,D,F,G) R Mathew 6-10-0 R Bellamy 93
6 6-40 SHOW FAITH 7 (B) R Hannon 7-10-0 R Hughes 89

2-1 Potentate, 5-2 Hay Dance, 11-4 Morstock, 7-1 Show Faith, 12-1 Windward Ariom, 14-1 Nashville Star.

2.00 MAURICE LISTER MAIDEN CHASE (£3,847: 3m 1f 110yd) (15)

1 -156 BOLSHIE BARON 33 (F) M Weston 8-11-5 Mr M Harris 80
2 56-F FULL SHILLING 44 (V) D Williams 8-11-5 Guy Lewis (3) 96
3 4/0- GLENDINE 253 C Mann 7-11-5 J Railton —
4 7-40 GOLDEN DRUM 48 (B,S) T George 7-11-5 Mr R Thornton (5) —
5 F-P2 JAC DEL PRINCE 57 P Nicholls 7-11-5 B Powell 97
6 P JACK OF DIAMONDS 44 R O'Sullivan 9-11-5 A McCabe —
7 -05P MASKED MARTIN 7 (B) P Rodford 6-11-5 S Burrough —
8 P35P MIRAMARE 42 C Popham 7-11-5 T Dascombe (3) —
9 2/02 PLASSY BOY 33 K Burke 8-11-5 A Lamach —
10 00-4 SPEEDY SNAPSGEM 99 P Hobbs 7-11-5 A P McCoy —
11 UPP- WAIPIRO 299P (S) Mrs S Williams 7-11-5 L Harvey —
12 WITHYCOMBE HILL P Hobbs 7-11-5 Mr S Durack (7) —
13 0/P- FORTRIA ROSIE DAWN 322 Miss V Williams 7-11-0 R Widdicombe —
14 -UU4 ROMANY BLUES 34 C Brooks 8-11-0 M Berry (7) 89
15 -44F STORMY SUNSET 78 (S) W Dennis 10-11-0 Mr T Dennis (7) 99

9-4 Jac Del Prince, 5-1 Plassy Boy, 6-1 Romany Blues, 8-1 Golden Drum, 10-1 Stormy Sunset, 12-1 Bolshie Baron, 14-1 others.

2.30 ELITE RACING CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,198: 2m) (14)

1 U0 IT'S DAWAN 68 P Mitchell 11-12 R Hughes —
2 F BOLD START LADY 50 E Wheeler 11-7 M Griffiths (7) —
3 5 RIVERS MAGIC 45 J White 11-6 T Dascombe (3) —
4 3 SCATHEBURY 6 K Burke 11-6 N Williamson 80
5 35 SOLDIER MAK 42 A Hide 11-6 L Aspell (3) 92
6 12 D'NAAN 7 (B,BF,G) M Pipe 11-3 A P McCoy 99
7 EL BARCADOR 15F R Hodges 11-3 J Harris (7) —
8 00 TATHMIN 34 (V) J Bosley 11-0 M Bosley 82
9 2510 LADY MAGNUM 38 (CD,F) J Neville 10-12 N Mann 97
10 00 RED TIME 14F M Saunders 10-11 P Holley —
11 60 SEVEN CROWNS 90 C Popham 10-11 B Powell —
12 0 ESKIMO KISS 33 G Johnson Houghton 10-6 J Railton —
13 4P34 SONG FOR JESS 41 (BF) F Jordan 10-6 S Wynne 93
14 0 BENKAROSAM 41 Mrs S Williams 10-5 S Burrough —

6-4 D'Naan, 7-2 Soldier Mak, 7-1 Lady Magnum, 8-1 Song For Jess, 10-1 El Barcador, 12-1 Tathmin, 14-1 Red Time, 16-1 others.

3.00 PAT RUTHVEN AND GUY NIXON MEMORIAL VASE (Handicap chase: amateurs: £3,782: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 5-5P TUG OF PEACE 75 (CD,F,G,S) G Balding 10-11-12 A Balding (7) 97
2 -311 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 31 (B,F,G) K Bailey 9-11-11 R Wakley (7) 99
3 121 DROMHANA 9 (F,G) P Nicholls 7-11-4 (6ex) J Tizzard (7) 98
4 2333 FROZEN DROP 7 (CD,F,G) P Bowen 10-11-1 G Shenkin (7) 98
5 0462 COOL CHARACTER 42 (G) R Buckler 9-10-0 R Thornton (5) 83

11-10 Act Of Parliament, 9-4 Dromhana, 9-2 Frozen Drop, 5-1 Tug Of Peace, 14-1 Cool Character.

3.30 ARTISTS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,184: 2m) (2)

1 3312 THUMBS UP 52 (CD,F,G,S) G McCourt 11-12-0 A P McCoy 98
2 214U NEWLANDS-GENERAL 3 (D,G,S) P Nicholls 11-11-4 N Williamson 99

1-2 Thumbs Up, 6-4 Newlands-General.

4.00 POTTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 6f) (14)

1 1134 GENERAL MOUKTAR 9 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-0 A P McCoy 95
2 515P LEGAL ARTIST 42 (F,G) Miss C Johnsey 7-11-7 Mr R Thornton (5) 89
3 4150 GLISTENING DAWN 9 (B,F,S) T Keddy 7-11-4 N Mann 54
4 22P/ QUELQUE CHOSE 677 (S) B Meehan 7-11-1 R Hughes —
5 -36P MR STRONG GALE 52 P Nicholls 6-10-11 N Williamson 95
6 -5U2 STAC-POLLAIDH 35 (F) K Bailey 7-10-10 Mr R Wakley (7) 94
7 P562 FIRST CLASS 45 (BF,F) G Adord 7-10-8 R Greene 98
8 301- FANE PARK 308 (S) C Popham 9-11-8 T Dascombe (3) 91
9 6243 GLEN MIRAGE 37 (F,G,S) M Coombe 12-10-7 Miss M Coombe 99
10 6055 ADONISIS 7 D Elsworth 5-10-3 P Holley 93
11 1214 URBAN LILY 34 (B,BF,G,S) R Hodges 7-10-3 J Harris (7) 98
12 1/15 ROAD TO AU BON 36 (F) R Baker 9-10-3 B Powell 98
13 0411 TOP SKIPPER 36 (G,S) V Greenway 5-10-3 Mr J Tizzard (7) 96
14 -103 CLOD HOPPER 64 (F) W Muir 7-10-0 A Bates (5) 98

3-2 General Mouktar, 6-1 First Class, 8-1 Top Skipper, Stac-Pollaidh, 10-1 Glistening Dawn, Clod Hopper, Urban Lily, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WINCANTON: Trainers: J White, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; M Pipe, 36 from 133, 27.1%; K Bailey, 10 from 60, 16.7%; P Nicholls, 19 from 117, 16.2%; P Hobbs, 18 from 112, 16.1%; Mrs S Williams, 3 from 19, 15.8%. Jockeys: A P McCoy, 13 winners from 71 rides, 18.3%; D Gallagher, 3 from 23, 13.0%; T Dascombe, 6 from 48, 12.5%; only qualifiers.

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: M Prescott, 16 winners from 69 runners, 23.1%; P Haslam, 15 from 81, 18.5%; D Murray-Smith, 12 from 65, 18.5%; J Berry, 18 from 98, 18.4%; P Burgoyne, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Hills, 15 from 88, 14.8%. Jockeys: J Weaver, 76 winners from 327 rides, 23.2%; D Holland, 18 from 83, 21.7%; S Whitworth, 28 from 152, 18.4%; M Fenton, 9 from 57, 15.8%; A Culhane, 5 from 32, 15.6%; D R McCabe, 17 from 121, 14.0%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.10 Suitor. 1.40 Suite Factors. 2.10 Hatta Sunshine. 2.40 Lahik. 3.10 Roffey Spinney. 3.40 Duke Valentino. 4.10 Soviet King.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.10 WILSON HANDICAP (Div I: £2,146: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

1 /00- BAJAN 104 (CD,F,S) Lady Herries 6-10-0 A Clark 9
2 2-31 TALLULAH BELLE 12 (G) N Littmoden 4-9-8 T G McLaughlin 1
3 -202 NAKHAL 7 D Murray Smith 4-9-3 J Weaver 2
4 02-3 SUITOR 14 (BF) S Dow 4-8-13 S Sanders 5
5 000- LORD ELLANGOWAN 129J (B) R Ingram 4-8-11 J Stack 6
6 054- BOLD HABIT 27 (C,F,G) J Pearce 12-8-6 G Bardwell 4
7 100- CUBAN REEF 92 (D,F,G) W Musson 5-8-4 D R McCabe 8
8 200- PARONOMASIA 34 J L Harris 5-8-1 J Quinn 3
9 04-3 PAIR OF JACKS 21 (G) G L Moore 7-7-10 DOUBTFUL 7

7-4 Tallulah Belle, 100-30 Suitor, 9-2 Nakhal, 6-1 Bajan, 7-1 Cuban Reef.

1.40 MACMILLAN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,713: 5f) (6)

1 000- LUCY OF ARABIA 173 J Sheehan 9-7 A Morris 5
2 50-3 TEAR WHITE 19 (B,D,F) T Mills 9-7 S Sanders 3
3 2-42 IMPERIAL GARDEN 8 (D,G) P Haslam 9-7 J Weaver 2
4 53-1 GREEN BOULEVARD 16 (CD,G) J Berry 9-4 G Carter 1
5 10-3 SPARKLING EDGE 2 (D,F,G) C Dwyer 9-0 D R McCabe 4
6 00-0 SUITE FACTORS 12 (D,F) K Burke 8-7 J Bramhill (7) 6

2-1 Tear White, 5-2 Green Boulevard, 4-1 Imperial Garden, 5-1 Sparkling Edge, 8-1 Lucy Of Arabia, 10-1 Suite Factors.

2.10 GLADSTONE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,791: 1m) (10)

1 260- WHATEVER'S RIGHT 126 (CD,F,G) M Usher 8-9-3 J Weaver 6
2 02-0 NASHAAT 12 (C,D,F,G,S) K Burke 9-9-1 D R McCabe 4
3 0-05 SET THE FASHION 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Williams 8-8-9 D Holland 2
4 604- HATTA SUNSHINE 28 (CD,G) G L Moore 7-8-7 A Whelan (3) 9
5 0-45 MEDIA EXPRESS 9 (B,D,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 5-8-7 T Sprake 8
6 0-53 MADONNA DA ROSSI 2 M Dods 4-8-4 A Clark 5
7 060- COMMIN' UP 41 J Hills 4-8-2 N Adams 10
8 0-00 CALLONESCY 7 D D'Brien 5-8-1 G Bardwell 3
9 -400 MISS CHARLIE 2 (F) A Bailey 7-7-12 D Wright 1
10 44-0 TREBLE PET 14 (V) B Gubby 4-7-10 J Quinn 7

5-2 Nashaat, 9-2 Set The Fashion, 5-1 Whatever's Right, 6-1 Hatta Sunshine, 8-1 Media Express, Commin' Up, 10-1 Madonna Da Rossi.

2.40 WILSON HANDICAP (Div II: £2,134: 1m 2f) (8)

1 040- MISTY BAY 43 D Cosgrove 4-9-11 M Fenton 4
2 50-0 DR EDGAR 14 (D,F,G) M Dods 5-9-4 F Norton 5
3 46-4 SHERAZ 14 (B,G) N Tinkler 5-9-0 C Rutter 3
4 /0-0 RUMPELSTILTSKIN 13 H Howe 5-8-13 F Lynch (3) 2
5 00-6 FLAGSTAFF 12 K Burke 4-8-8 A Culhane 1
6 -400 HAVANA MISS 13 (S) B Palling 5-8-3 A Clark 6
7 00-0 FABULOUS MTOTO 14 (D,F,G) M Saunders 7-7-12 N Carlisle 7
8 00-4 LAHIK 7 K Ivory 4-7-10 D Biggs 8

5-2 Sheraz, 7-2 Dr Edgar, 5-1 Flagstaff, Rumpelstiltskin, 6-1 Misty Bay, 8-1 Lahik.

3.10 DISRAELI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,323: 7f) (8)

1 50- GALIBIS 86 P Kelleway 9-0 M Wigham 4
2 30- ROFFEY SPINNEY 34 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 8
3 508- TALISMAN 119 S Dow 9-0 A Daly (5) 1
4 565- ALVILDE 96 D Cosgrove 8-9 M Fenton 7
5 20-4 ATTRIBUTE 15 R Guest 8-9 J Quinn 3
6 6- DIXIE EYES BLAZING 54 R Charlton 8-9 T Sprake 5
7 6 NATIVE THATCH 15 W G M Turner 8-9 A Clark 6
8 00- PRINCESS SARARA 34 M Prescott 8-9 S Sanders 2

11-4 Talisman, 3-1 Attribute, 5-1 Galibis, Alvilde, 6-1 Roffey Spinney, 7-1 Native Thatch.

3.40 LLOYD GEORGE HANDICAP (£3,306: 7f) (8)

1 3-50 DUKE VALENTINO 12 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 D Griffiths (5) 8
2 14-2 SCISSOR RIDGE 16 (CD,BF,F,G) J Bridger 5-9-10 S Sanders 6
3 1-05 TWIN CREEKS 5 (CD,F,G) V Soane 6-9-4 C Rutter 2
4 5-42 STAR TALENT 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-3 D Holland 4
5 350- PERILOUS PLIGHT 43 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 6-8-11 J Weaver 3
6 0-03 LANCASHIRE LEGEND 7 (CD,G) S Dow 4-8-10 A Daly (5) 7
7 4-26 FORT KNOX 5 (B,CD,F,G) R Flower 6-8-9 M Wigham 1
8 00-0 TOM MORGAN 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) P Walwyn 6-8-6 T Sprake 5

3-1 Scissor Ridge, 100-30 Star Talent, 4-1 Lancashire Legend, 9-2 Fort Knox, 6-1 Twin Creeks, Duke Valentino.

4.10 THATCHER LIMITED STAKES (£2,585: 1m 4f) (14)

1 -634 AL HELAL 7 J Jenkins 5-9-0 S Whitworth 13
2 /80- BLUE AND ROYAL 38J V Soane 5-9-0 C Rutter 11
3 0-46 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 5 (C,G) D Thom 8-9-0 J Tate 9
4 000- DOLLIVER 47 (E) C Dwyer 5-9-0 Jo Hunnam (7) 4
5 00-4 ETOILE DU NORD 14 H Collingridge 5-9-0 M Fenton 14
6 -034 IN THE MONEY 7 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 8-9-0 F Lynch (3) 10
7 350- ROYAL CIRCUS 79J (CD,F,G) P Webber 8-9-0 J Bramhill (7) 1
8 -550 SAPPHIRE SON 7 (C,G) P Chalm 5-9-0 N Adams 12
9 25-3 SOOJAMA 5 (B,D,F,G) R Flower 7-9-0 M Wigham 5
10 10-4 IN CAHOOTS 9 (F) A Newcombe 4-8-12 J Quinn 7
11 -631 SOVIET KING 3 (B,G) P Mitchell 4-8-12 S Sanders 8
12 0-33 HAZEL 12 Miss G Kelleway 5-8-11 D Holland 2
13 50-4 YAUTEN 8 P Burgoyne 7-8-11 D R McCabe 3
14 0-52 NAWAJI 12 W Muir 4-8-7 A Clark 6

4-1 Hazel, 6-1 Soviet King, In The Money, 8-1 Captain Marmalade, Etoile Du Nord, Nawaji, 10-1 In Cahoots, 12-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: soft

1.10 (2m 7f hdle) 1, Kind Cleric (Mr S Mulcaire, 8-1); 2, Emerald Statement (5-2 fav); 3, Quari Eagle (9-1). 16 ran. 4l, dist. P Hobbs. Tote: £8.30; £1.70, £1.20, £3.10. DF: £11.30. Trio: £48.90. CSF: £26.69.

1.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Splendid Thyne (M A Fitzgerald, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Sursum Corda (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Jakes Justice (14-1). 20 ran. 11l, 11l. T Casey. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.50, £3.50. DF: £13.90. Trio: £259.70. CSF: £19.30.

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Bella Sedona (R Dunwoody, 5-2 fav); 2, One In The Eye (50-1); 3, Arch Angel (20-1). 21 ran. NR: Storm Wind. nk, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £25.50, £46.00. DF: £424.30. Trio: £191.80. CSF: £156.86.

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Sophie May (A P McCoy, 10-1); 2, Scoresheet (4-1); 3, Amber Spark (3-1 fav). 14 ran. 4l, 3l. L Montague Hall. Tote: £13.20; £2.90, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £20.00. Trio: £22.10. CSF: £46.01. Tricast: £143.25.

3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Nons Stirred (P Hide, 6-1); 2, Salcep (8-1); 3, Fionans Flutter (12-1); 4, Gentle Breeze (14-1). Cool Gunner 9-2 fav (4th). 16 ran. NR: Theme Arena, Tudor Town. 2½l, 4l. J Gifford. Tote: £6.60; £1.60, £3.20, £3.00, £4.40. DF: £17.20. Trio: £85.20. CSF: £56.06. Tricast: £535.07.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Brave Buccaneer (C Rae, 25-1); 2, Eastern River (4-1 fav); 3, Black Church (14-1); 4, Carlingford Lakes (16-1). 18 ran. 2½l, 1½l. A Turnell. Tote: £28.20; £4.50, £1.70, £3.80, £2.50. DF: £190.20. Trio: £581.20. CSF: £123.56. Tricast: £1,417.05.

4.10 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Ardley Royal (G Upton, 13-8 fav); 2, Edmond (9-1); 3, Mister Emlyn (33-1). 19 ran. NR: Midas. Sh hd, 1l. J Old. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £4.80, £11.30. DF: £22.40. Trio: £133.40. CSF: £17.67.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,891.71 carried forward to Huntingdon today).

Placepot: £93.60. Quadpot: £28.50.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.50 (6f) 1, Stourcuge (J Weaver, 5-4 fav); 2, Alaan (7-1); 3, Julia's Relative (14-1). 9 ran. NR: Balinsky. 1½l, 3l. P Haslam. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.50, £4.10. DF: £6.10. Trio: £10.90. CSF: £9.92.

2.20 (7f) 1, Sbereen (S Whitworth, 13-8); 2, Anonym (6-4 fav); 3, Borgat (25-1). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. P Howling. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10. £5.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.67.

2.50 (5f) 1, Gi La High (N Adams, 14-1); 2, Chemcast (10-1); 3, Napier Star (10-1). Setorsan 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 1l, 1l. M McCormack. Tote: £16.10; £1.80, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £100.80. Trio: £134.40. CSF: £143.63. Tricast: £902.90.

3.20 (1m 100yd) 1, Seberry (S Drowne, 5-1); 2, Milroy (3-1); 3, Nomore Mr Niceguy (7-1). Foot Battalion 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, 2½l. P Haslam. Tote: £5.50; £1.50, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £10.40. CSF: £19.07. Tricast: £97.32.

3.50 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, Shalom (F Lynch, 3-1); 2, Thompson Estate (25-1); 3, Petrosian (Evens fav). 10 ran. Nk, 11l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £3.30, £1.70. DF: £15.30. Trio: £80.80. CSF: £56.27.

4.20 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Onefortheditch (N Varley, 5-2 fav); 2, Maradata (15-2); 3, Bernard Seven (8-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £38.90. Trio: £52.90. CSF: £20.59. Tricast: £120.69.

Placepot: £43.70. Quadpot: £34.10.

☐ Yesterday's meeting at Sedgefield was called off because of frost.

THUNDERER

1.35 Circus Star
2.05 Hatcham Boy
2.35 Random Harvest
3.05 Monyman
3.35 LOVE THE BLUES (nap)
4.05 Jocks Cross

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 LOVE THE BLUES.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.05 The Toiseach.

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.35 ARCTIC TERN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,518: 2m) (14 runners)

1 0 BALLYRANTER 33 (P Byrnes) M Hammond 6-11-5 Mr C Bonner (3) —
2 4/P-4330 BOWCLIFFE 36 (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 6-11-5 M Foster 71
3 36-F40 DURANO 44 (BF) (C Stevens) T Easterby 6-11-5 P Niven 86
4 P MAGIC TIMES 51 (C Grant) C Grant 6-11-5 B Storey —
5 PETRICO 437F (W Lofthouse) P Beaumont 5-11-5 R Supple —
6 PP/00/ PRINCE BALTASAR 677 (G Allison) N Bycroft 8-11-5 D Pears —
7 0-0P SELECTRIC 72 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-5 G Cahill —
8 1/4 WHIP HAND 62 (G) (Lady Lloyd Webber) J Fitzgerald 6-11-5 P Carberry —
9 00- BONNY RIGG 310 (Raman Wall Racing) L Lungo 5-11-0 T Reed —
10 NOBLE CANONIRE 10F (J Fretwell) D Shaw 5-11-0 A S Smith —
11 42 CIRCUS STAR 40 (The Ringmasters) D Nicholson 4-10-7 A Maguire 99
12 FUTURE'S TRADER 113F (Miss S Long) M Hammond 4-10-7 R Garritty —
13 KHALIKHOUM 147F (J Barlow) J Barlow 4-10-7 A Dobbin —
14 KING OF SPARTA 134F (D Mercer) O Sherwood 4-10-7 D Bridgwater —

BETTING: 9-4 Circus Star, 5-1 King Of Sparta, 6-1 Whip Hand, 10-1 Bowcliffe, Durano, 11-1 Future's Trader, 12-1 others.

1996: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM FOCUS

BALLYRANTER 55l 11th of 13 to Mister Rm in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft). BOWCLIFFE best effort 5¾l 3rd of 8 to Last Try in novice handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start with DURANO (17lb better off) 40l 10th. DURANO 24¾l 4th of 13 to Queen Of Spades in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start. PRINCE BALTASAR 34l 7th of 20 to Barney's Gift in claiming novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yds, good to firm). WHIP HAND 9l 4th of 11 to Good Vibes in National Hunt Flat race at Aintree (2m 110yds, good). CIRCUS STAR 3l 2nd of 9 to Serenus in grade II TJH Group Summit Junior Hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yds, good to soft).
Selection: CIRCUS STAR

2.05 WOOLLY MAMMOTH NOVICES CHASE (£3,048: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

1 322-UU1 CHOISTY 9 (G) (Hotel-Brokers) Mrs A Swinbank 7-11-10 J Supple 89
2 0F12-1U HATCHAM BOY 28 (G,S) (R Boston) D Nicholson 7-11-10 A Maguire 99
3 021-F2 CELTIC GIANT 34 (BF,S) (R Gilbert) L Lungo 7-11-5 R Garritty 78
4 P0840 CLONROCHE LUCKY 8 (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-5 B Storey —
5 5/1/064- MANOR COURT 330 (F) (Exors of R Lamb) D Lamb 9-11-5 J Burke 70
6 0-63U65 MERRYHILL GOLD 7 (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 6-11-5 D Byrne —
7 0/005 MONYMAX 51 (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 8-11-5 R Guest —
8 SFP ROYAL PARIS 44 (D Watson) Mrs S Smith 9-11-5 T Reed —

BETTING: Evens Hatcham Boy, 7-2 Choisty, 5-1 Celtic Giant, 14-1 Royal Paris, 16-1 Clonroche Lucky, Monymax, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CHOISTY beat Dandy Cross 2¾l in 15-runner novice chase at Carlisle (3m, good) with CLONROCHE LUCKY (5lb better off) 59l 10th. HATCHAM BOY best effort beat Welcome Call 1½l in novice chase at Newbury (3m, good) on penultimate start. CELTIC GIANT 5l 2nd of 6 to Lien de Famille in novice chase at Hexham (2m 4f 110yds, good to soft). MANOR COURT best effort 17½l 5th of 13 to Parsons Boy at Kelso (3m 1f, soft) Feb 96. MERRYHILL GOLD 37¼l 5th of 7 to Inch Emperor in novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f good to firm). MONYMAX 48¾l 5th of 11 to Majority Major in novice chase at Newcastle (3m, good to soft).
Selection: CHOISTY

2.35 ARCTIC FOX NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,480: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 215-USF MACGEORGE 36 (S) (J Watson) R Lee 7-11-12 A Maguire —
2 426-241 RANDOM HARVEST 9 (D,G) (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-11 (6ex) R Garritty 90
3 06521-4 CATTLY HANG 47 (S) (W Morgan) J Leigh 7-11-10 A Dobbin 88
4 41/5045- MASTER OF TROY 400 (F,G,S) (A Stewart) C Parker 9-10-6 D Parker 89
5 3018-P3 BE BRAVE 34 (S) (Mrs S Parsons) T Etherington 7-10-5 R Rourke 86
6 003F-2U GAELIC BLUE 8 (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 R Guest 90
7 6P/6001 MARLINGFORD 6 (G,S) (Miss J Seaton) Mrs J Jordan 10-10-0 (6ex) L McGrath (7) 99
8 603F5R MONAUGHTY MAN 35 (S) (Mrs K Woodhead) E Cahill 11-10-0 K Johnson 77

Long handicap: Gaelic Blue 9-13, Marlingford 9-12, Monaughty Man 9-2.

BETTING: 5-4 Random Harvest, 7-2 Marlingford, 6-1 Macgeorge, Cattly Hang, 8-1 Master Of Troy, Gaelic Blue, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MACGEORGE about 5l 5th of 17 to Pharanear in novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yds, good to soft) on penultimate start. RANDOM HARVEST beat Rustic Air 6l in 9-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yds, good). CATTLY HANG 19¾l 4th of 9 to Simply Dashing in novice chase here (2m 4f 110yds, good to soft). BE BRAVE 7¾l 3rd of 12 to Coverdale Lane in novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft). GAELIC BLUE best effort 7l 2nd of 6 to Garbo's Boy in novice chase at Newcastle (2m 4f, good). MARLINGFORD dead-heated with Kilulla in 15-runner handicap chase at Catterick (2m 3f, good).
Selection: RANDOM HARVEST

3.05 SNOW LEOPARD HANDICAP CHASE (£4,338: 2m) (5 runners)

1 2061-34 RANDOM ASSAULT 34 (D) (Random Lad) D Nicholson 8-12-0 A Maguire 88
2 2-51211 MONYMAN 13 (D,F,G) (T Hemmings) M Hammond 7-10-5 R Garritty 94
3 515-241 WEAVER GEORGE 44 (D,F,G) (Regent Decorators) W Storey 7-10-2 M Moloney 96
4 3-82413 FULL O'PRAISE 50 (CD,BF,F,G) (Lord Zetland) P Calver 10-10-1 B Storey 99
5 012-113 EASTERN MAGIC 41 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Smith) G Barnett 9-10-0 D Bridgwater 92

Long handicap: Eastern Magic 9-10.

BETTING: 9-4 Random Assault, 5-2 Monyman, 7-2 Weaver George, 5-1 Full O'Praise, 6-1 Eastern Magic.

FORM FOCUS

RANDOM ASSAULT best effort 12l 3rd of 6 to Mister Oddy in handicap chase (2m, good to soft). MONYMAN beat Devilry 10l in 6-runner novice chase at Musselburgh (2m, good to firm). WEAVER GEORGE beat Rebel King 4l in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 110yds, good). FULL O'PRAISE best effort beat Val de Rama 1¼l in 9-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 110yds, good) on penultimate start. EASTERN MAGIC best effort beat Stately Home 4l in 4-runner handicap chase at Haydock (2m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: MONYMAN

3.35 YETI NOVICES HURDLE (£2,588: 2m 4f 110yd) (20 runners)

1 121213 SUAS LEAT 72 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Davenport) J Jefferson 7-11-13 M Newton (7) 77
2 00-2213 ANTARCTIC WIND 51 (F) (G Brown) M Hammond 7-11-3 R Garritty 77
3 6- BLACK ICE BOY 380 (Mrs J Marshall) R Bastiman 6-10-12 H Bastiman (5) —
4 31 BOBBY GRANT 34 (S) (J Thompson) C Grant 6-10-12 P Niven —
5 5- CHEROKEE CHIEF 307 (A Boyd-Rochfort) O Sherwood 6-10-12 J A McCarthy —
6 548P- CORRIMULZIE 271 (Roemex Ltd) K Morgan 6-10-12 A S Smith —
7 0460-40 DON'T TELL TOM 9 (J Wade) J Wade 7-10-12 G Cahill —
8 64 GLENBOWER 34 (Mrs S Watkinson) M Hammond 5-10-12 Mr C Bonner (3) 80
9 JOSS BAY (Mr J Young) T Tate 5-10-12 R Guest —
10 0400/00 KENTUCKY GOLD 43 (Hatwood Int) Mrs L Williamson 8-10-12 L O'Hara 53
11 005 LARKSHILL 47 (Larkshill Eng) J Fitzgerald 6-10-12 P Carberry 69
12 0-0 ONLY A SIOUX 57 (Mrs S Bassett) J Turner 5-10-12 W Fry —
13 600-5 PALACE OF GOLD 104 (BF) (Mrs B Lungo) L Lungo 7-10-12 W Dowling (7) —
14 0004/4- PERSIAN GRANGE 483 (Exors of R Lamb) D Lamb 7-10-12 J Burke —
15 P SOVEREIGN PASS 9 (Welbom Racing) R Woodhouse 5-10-12 B Storey —
16 60 TEN PAST SIX 9 (J Hall) M Wane 5-10-12 A Dobbin 61
17 0/00-60 THE OTHER MAN 47 (Stourbridge Racing) Miss L Siddall 7-10-12 D Pears —
18 042-2 CHERRY DEE 51 (B Dilger) P Beaumont 6-10-7 R Supple —
19 30-0 LOVE THE BLUES 110 (BF) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-7 A Maguire 99
20 2-5 SPARKLING BUCK 56 (Mrs M Hodam) O Sherwood 5-10-7 D Thomas (7) —

BETTING: 13-8 Love The Blues, 5-1 Cherokee Chief, 6-1 Antarctic Wind, 13-2 Suas Leat, Glenbower, 10-1 Larkshill, Cherry Dee, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SUAS LEAT 4l 3rd of 9 to Brambles Way in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f, good). ANTARCTIC WIND best effort beat Trap Dancer 7l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. GLENBOWER 59¾l 4th of 15 to Papering in novice hurdle at Hexham (3m, good to soft). TEN PAST SIX 16l 7th of 14 to Quango in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, good) with DON'T TELL TOM 19l 8th. CHERRY DEE 8l 2nd of 24 to Mr Lurpak in National Hunt Flat race at Newcastle (2m, good to soft). LOVE THE BLUES best effort 11¾l 3rd of 14 to Debutante Days in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good), Feb 96.
Selection: LOVE THE BLUES

4.05 POLAR BEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,396: 2m 7f) (10 runners)

1 3142F5- DISCO DES MOTTES 310 (S) (R Ogden) G Richards 8-12-0 P Carberry —
2 1B111-0 ERZADJAN 41 (C,F,G,S) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-11 P Niven 93
3 4000-21 ROBERTY LEA 35 (C,G,S) (Wensleydale Coast) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-1 G Cahill 99
4 5410-11 JOCKS CROSS 75 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Harrison) G Richards 6-11-0 A Dobbin 95
5 4-43132 DALLY BOY 33 (F,S) (T Stewart) T Easterby 5-10-12 R Garritty 96
6 01-3 THE TOISEACH 84 (S) (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 6-10-9 A Maguire 92
7 06212-5 IZZA 54 (F,G) (D Boley) W Storey 6-10-5 R McGrath (5) 94
8 056-613 NICK THE BEAK 47 (S) (N Wilson) J Upson 8-10-5 R Supple 98
9 14-1 WASSL STREET 43 (S) (R Norton) T Morgan 5-10-0 A S Smith 94
10 18-2331 PHARARE 35 (C,F,S) (C Colquhoun) R Woodhouse 7-10-0 B Storey 93

Long handicap: Wassl Street 9-12, Pharare 9-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Jocks Cross, 4-1 Dally Boy, 5-1 Erzadjan, 6-1 The Toiseach, Roberty Lea, 7-1 Pharare, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ERZADJAN best effort beat Castello 8l in 5-runner handicap hurdle here (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. ROBERTY LEA beat Stac-Pollaidh 10l in 11-runner claiming hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft). JOCKS CROSS beat Tallywagger 6l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good to firm). IZZA best effort beat Shannon's Way 6l in 15-runner novice handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NICK THE BEAK best effort beat Glen Mirage 3½l in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. WASSL STREET beat Diwali Dancer 4l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: WASSL STREET (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	17	52	32.7	P Carberry	5	18	27.8
Mrs M Reveley	47	167	28.1	P Niven	44	173	25.4
G Richards	27	113	23.9	A Maguire	21	89	23.6
T Easterby	7	34	20.6	R Guest	12	69	17.4
J Jefferson	5	30	16.7	D Byrne	7	41	17.1
J Fitzgerald	15	99	15.2	D Bridgwater	3	19	15.8

Nap: HAY DANCE (1.30 Wincanton)

Next best: Sierra Bay (1.20 Huntingdon)

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FOOTBALL

Good times beckon for manager of the year

By Russell Kempson

WHEN Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, turned up at a recent awards ceremony to take his place among the great and the good, he was just happy to be there. The guest list represented a Who's Who of British football, with Kinnear feeling almost out of place, yet he collected one of the most coveted awards — the 1996 FA Carling Premiership manager of the year.

It was endorsed by the League Managers' Association and the voting involved all of Kinnear's peers. If he needed any further indication that he had been officially accepted as one of the sport's leading managerial figures, this was it.

"I can honestly say, hand on my heart, that I had no idea at all that I had won the trophy," he said. "I went along with a few friends thinking we were just attending a function and that Alex Ferguson or the like would walk off with the award. When my name was read out, I was, very unlike me, lost for words.

"It's taken a bit of time to recover from the shock, pleasant as it was, and while it is a great honour for me personally, it is an award that really belongs to Wimbledon Football Club. It is a reflection of the sheer graft, determination, humour, tears and toil of everyone here."

If 1996 was good, 1997 could be even better for Kinnear. Wimbledon lie fifth in the Premiership, with games in hand over their rivals, and have reached the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup. On Tuesday night, they moved into the fourth round of the FA Cup — in which they play Manchester United at Old Trafford on Saturday — with an unspectacular yet ultimately comfortable 2-0 win against Crewe Alexandra, of the Nationwide League second division, in a third-round replay at Selhurst Park.

Kinnear, though, preached caution. "We're sometimes having to play three games a week and it's a frightening thought, particularly from an injuries point of view and the fitness of the players. We've a lot of games coming up and, in many ways, I suppose we're the victims of our own success."

After the game at Old Trafford on Saturday, Wimbledon make a swift return trip to play United in the Premiership next Wednesday. They also have a three-match series against Leicester City to contemplate — two legs of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final and, in between, a league match at Selhurst Park.

Leicester qualified for their cup clashes with Wimbledon by winning 1-0 against Ipswich Town at Portman Road in a delayed quarter-final tie. Mark Robins, transfer-listed and without a start for the club since September, scored the winning goal.

Robins recently spent a month on loan at FC Copenhagen, in Denmark, but is still hoping to earn favour with Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager. "I never asked to leave, that was the manager's decision," Robins said. "He told me he'd done it because I had only a limited chance of playing and he's been quite fair with me. I'm still not desperate to go.

"It's been frustrating, of course it has, but I've always believed in my ability and always thought I could score goals. It was nice to get the chance against Ipswich and even nicer that I took it."

Blackburn Rovers have been knocked back in their attempts to land the Poland striker, Marek Citko. Citko's club, Widzew Lodz, have rejected Blackburn's move to sign Citko on loan until the end of the season, saying that they are only interested in a straight cash deal.

Alex Penman, the chairman of Raith Rovers, is to leave the Fife club next month after a reported £270,000 buy-out. An extraordinary general meeting has been called on February 14 with changes to the Stark's Park board expected. Penman wanted to leave Raith last year, but stayed on to oversee last night's challenge match with Bayern Munich to mark the redevelopment of the stadium.

ROSS KINNAIRD / ALLSPORT

Stuart Pearce practises what he preaches as he takes a Nottingham Forest training session yesterday after confirming that he is to remain as the club's player-manager until the end of the season. Report, page 44

Hednesford facing FA investigation

By Chris Moore

THE Football Association has launched an investigation into alleged irregularities over an application for funding made by Hednesford Town, the Vauxhall Conference club which is preparing to play the biggest match in its history on Saturday.

In a separate action, Hednesford, who meet Middlesbrough in an FA Cup fourth-round tie at the Riverside Stadium, are also being sued for more than £300,000 by a property development company.

The FA inquiry concerns an application made by Hednesford to the Sports Ground Initiative (SGI). The SGI, which is administered by the Football Trust, was set up last year to assist sports clubs which are not eligible for Trust grants in order to carry out safety work required by the Taylor report.

A spokesman for the Football Trust said yesterday: "I can't go into details other than to confirm that the FA are carrying out an investigation into alleged irregularities relating to an application received from Hednesford Town."

Hednesford are also being sued for £321,017 by the Warwickshire company Nova Haven Ltd. A writ has been issued claiming that the club still owes the money for construction work carried out on its Keys Park stadium, which was opened 18 months ago. Until then, John Baldwin, the Hednesford manager and co-owner, had been employed for ten years by Nova Haven as the company accountant.

Work on the stadium was completed in time to meet a July 1995 deadline so that Hednesford's promotion to the Conference could be sanctioned. David Henscoe, the Nova Haven managing director, claims that the company has since been forced to cease trading.

Cartwright and Lewis, the Birmingham solicitors, confirmed yesterday that they are handling the writ against the club.

Hednesford beat Blackpool and York City, from the Nationwide League, to reach the fourth round of the Cup. They were drawn at home to Middlesbrough, but switched the tie to the North East on police advice. The club is now thought likely to earn up to £100,000 in gate receipts and television revenue.

Australia unbeaten under Venables

By Our Sports Staff

TERRY VENABLES continued his winning start as the new coach of Australia when his side beat South Korea 2-1 in Brisbane yesterday. Alistair Edwards, the former Millwall striker, came off the substitutes' bench to score what proved to be the winning goal in the 72nd minute.

Australia beat New Zealand 1-0 in their first game under the former England coach on Saturday, and are now the only unbeaten team in the four-nation tournament.

Bingley opened the scoring for Australia after they had dominated the first half. Edwards extended Australia's lead before Ha Seok Ju pulled one back for South Korea with 15 minutes remaining.

Stoke City have rejected an offer of £2.1 million for the forward, Mike Sheron, from Queens Park Rangers, their first division rivals. Jez Moxey, the Stoke chief executive, said reports that the two clubs had agreed a fee were "totally inaccurate".

Crystal Palace have completed the signing of Andy Linighan, the Arsenal defender, for an undisclosed fee after talks with the player yesterday. Linighan, 34, is ineligible for the FA Cup third-round replay against Leeds United on Saturday but will be available for Palace's first division match against Southend United on Tuesday.

Manchester City are giving a trial to Vaclav Nemecek, the Czech Republic international, as they attempt to strengthen their defence. The defender, 29, could be available for a nominal fee to the City manager, Frank Clark, who also has Dalian Atkinson, the Fenerbahçe forward, training at the club this week.

Morten Olsen, of Denmark, will replace Louis van Gaal as coach of Ajax, a newspaper reported yesterday. The club is delaying the announcement until its players return from a training session in Spain, the national daily, Algemeen Dagblad, said.

RUGBY UNION

Saracens put high price on local pride

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IF YOU want to watch the best clubs in Europe competing in the final of the Heineken Cup on Saturday, you will pay £15 for the finest seat in the relative luxury of Cardiff Arms Park. If, on the other hand, you want to see the best in London, then it will cost £18 to watch Saracens play Wasps in the Pilkington Cup at Enfield FC on Sunday.

The decision taken by Saracens to increase their normal league-match price of £15 for this encounter undoubtedly makes them the highest-priced club in the country and has drawn criticism from some Wasps members. Coincidentally, Wasps themselves have decided that their pricing structure for games at Loftus Road needs adjustment and will introduce a middle-range band for their next league match, against Gloucester on March 8.

The sport's long-suffering supporters have found themselves targetted this season by clubs desperate to establish their value in the professional world. All first division clubs have been forced to raise season ticket and entry costs to sustain a professional administration and a wage bill for players, which they have never had before. Even those clubs who have attracted owner-investors — such as Saracens and Wasps — cannot be sure how long such investment will continue.

Nowhere, in general terms, is more expensive than London, and Saracens, who have assembled leading players from Australia, South Africa, England, Ireland and Wales, reflect this.

☐ Scotland A have made two changes from the team that beat Emerging Wales 56-11 last Friday for their game against England A on January 31. Duncan Hodge comes in at inside centre for Paul Rouse and Murray Wallace displaces Simon Holmes on the open-side flank.

SCOTLAND A: D Lee (Watsonians), J Craig (West of Scotland), A Tait (Newcastle), D Hodge (Watsonians), C Glasgow (Heriot's FP); S Welsh (Hawick), A Nicol (Bath), G Graham (Newcastle), G Bulloch (West of Scotland), P Wright (Melrose), E Peters (Bath), S Campbell (Melrose), S Grimes (Watsonians), C Hogg (Melrose, captain), M Wallace (GHK)

IN BRIEF

French cite evidence of foul play by Ireland

THE French Rugby Federation has asked the Irish Rugby Football Union to look into possible foul play by three Ireland players in the five nations' championship match in Dublin on Saturday.

The Irish have already asked the French to take action over Franck Tournaire, the prop forward, for kicking Allen Clarke, the Ireland replacement hooker. Tournaire is expected to be suspended today.

However, the French claim that video evidence shows that Keith Wood, the hooker, Paddy Johns, the second-row forward, and Niall Hogan, the scrum half, all went unpunished for foul play. The French Federation said it expected the IRFU to take whatever action it deemed necessary.

☐ Leon Lloyd, dropped by Leicester for the Heineken Cup final against Brive on Saturday, will make his first appearance for England in the under-21 international against Scotland at the Stoop Memorial Ground, Twickenham, on January 31. The team is led by Chris Murphy, the West Hartlepool lock, who is one of five A internationals in the XV.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: R Hitchmough (Orrell), L Lloyd (Leicester), J Ewens (Bath), K Sorrell (Saracens), M Perry (Bath), P Sampson (Wasps), C Harrison (Bath); M Worsley (Orrell), A Long (Bath), P Vickery (Gloucester), J Worsley (Wasps), B Kay (Waterloo), C Murphy (West Hartlepool, captain), E Pearce (Gloucester), R Winters (Bedford)

Burton series

Cycling: Beryl Burton, Britain's greatest female racing cyclist, who won seven world and 96 national titles before her death last year, is to have a series named in her memory by the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC).

Female competitors will qualify in national time-trial championships at 10, 25 and 50 miles together with the RTTC's circuit events, the winner being decided on the rider with the best aggregate performance.

Broncos at Stoop

Rugby league: London Broncos are to share the Stoop Memorial Ground, at Twickenham, with Harlequins rugby union club, it was announced yesterday.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

I gave a hand recently on which the British player Graham Hazel won the Best Defence prize at the European Schools Championships. In a slam, the declarer led from three small in a side-suit in dummy to his king. Hazel, holding the ace over declarer, ducked. Declarer, whose initial holding was KQ10, subsequently misguessed the suit. Now have a look at this hand.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

♠ A K
♥ J 10 9 4 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A 10 6 5

♠ 9 8 2
♥ 8 7 6
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ J 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6 5 4
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ Q 7 3

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A K Q
♦ K J 9
♣ K 8 2

S	W	N	E
2NT	Pass	3C	Pass
3S	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: seven of hearts

South didn't quite have his opening bid (2NT is normally 20-22), and North might have explored the possibilities of playing in hearts or clubs. However the contract was sound, depending only on a successful guess in diamonds for the twelfth trick. The declarer was Lionel Wright, New Zealand international and TGR manager. How should he play?

After winning the heart he crossed to dummy with a spade. He then led a diamond and put on the king. That had two things going for it : a) East might have the ace; b) West, a strong TGR regular, was a sufficiently good player to duck if he had the ace, hoping the position was the one for which Hazell got the prize. That's what happened – West ducked and the slam made.

The early leaders at the Macallan international pairs at the White House Hotel in London were Nick Nickell and Richard Freeman, the Bermuda Bowl champions.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Nickell and Freeman (US) 57 VP's; 2, Mari and Sharif (Fr), 47 VP's 3, Mouiel and Multon (Fr) 39 VP's; 4, Jason and Justin Hackett (GB), 38 VP's

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VAIK
a. A trick
b. An Ottoman magistrate
c. To fall vacant

YEO
a. A hearty
b. To woo
c. An underground stream

WHILLYWHA
a. An American owl
b. An uproar
c. A flatterer

ZENDIK
a. Arabic logarithm tables
b. An atheist
c. A small castle

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Piket leads

The Dutch grandmaster Jeroen Piket has maintained his lead in the tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland. In round three he drew quickly with the Spanish grandmaster Miguel Illescas thus giving Piket 2.5/3. In the following game Piket wins against the normally solid former Yugoslav grandmaster Nikolic. After a quiet opening, which might have led to a conventional draw, Piket suddenly blew the position wide apart with a sequence of sacrifices to come to grips with the white king.

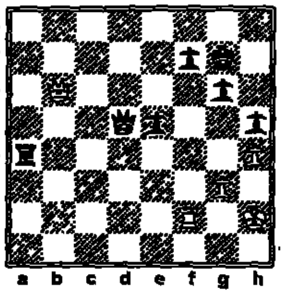
White: Predrag Nikolic
Black: Jeroen Piket Wijk aan Zee, January 1997

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	c4	d5
6	0-0	dxc4
7	Na3	Nc6
8	Nxc4	Be6
9	b3	a5
10	Bb2	Bd5
11	Rc1	a4
12	bxa4	Ra6
13	Nfe5	Bxg2
14	Kxg2	Qa8
15	Nxc6	bxc6
16	a5	c5+
17	Kg1	Rd8
18	e3	cxd4
19	exd4	Ne4
20	Qf3	Bxd4
21	Bxd4	Rxd4
22	h4	Rf8
23	Qe2	Qa6
24	Rc2	Re6
25	Ne3	Qxa5
26	Rb1	h5
27	Rb8+	Kg7
28	Kg2	e6
29	Rc8	Nxg3
30	fxg3	Rde4
31	R8xc6	Rxe3
32	Rxe6	Qd5+
33	Kh2	Qxe6
34	Qb5	Qg4
35	Rg2	e5
36	a4	Re1
37	Rf2	Qe4
38	Rg2	Ra1
39	Qb6	Rxa4
40	Rf2	Qd5

White resigns

Diagram of final position

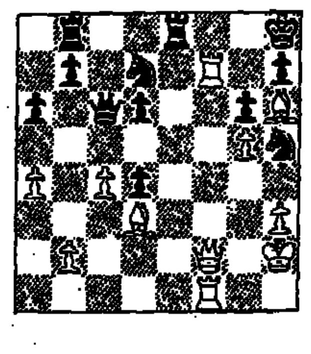


Nigel Short, who last month won the equally powerful tournament in the town of Groningen, is still struggling to find his form at Wijk aan Zee. In round three he also drew against the French grandmaster Joel Lautier. Short currently stands on 50%, a full point behind the leader.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Lobron — Hodgson, Groningen 1993. Julian Hodgson is one of Britain's finest and most imaginative attacking players. Here, however, he is on the receiving end. How did White conclude his attack in stylish fashion?

Solution on page 42

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ICE SKATING

British hopes suffer setback

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN PARIS

ILIA KULIK, from Russia, led the European figure skating championship after the short programme in the Bercy Stadium here yesterday. However, Alexei Urmanov, his compatriot and co-favourite, might already have joined the also-rans.

British hopes have waned, too. Steven Cousins, third at this stage last year, languishes in tenth place and Neil Wilson, who unexpectedly stole the British title from Cousins last November, is six places farther back. Wilson was seventeenth in the short programme last year and sixteenth overall; Cousins finished fourth overall.

The centrepiece of the short programme is the combination jump, with, for those who dare, the formidable challenge of the triple axel to triple toe loop (or even triple loop). Urmanov, the Olympic champion, tripped on the second element and a poor landing of the triple lutz left him in sixth place. The most that Urmanov can hope for now is a bronze medal.

Kulik inserted a little hop before essaying the triple toe loop in his combination, but the judges looked kindly upon him. He gained three marks of 5.8 for required elements, one coming from Mary Park, of Great Britain, and one of 5.9 for presentation.

One might have hoped for Cousins, 24, to emulate his splendid performance last year and for Wilson, 18, to have improved after a year's experience.

Cousins over-rotated the triple axel and needed an ungainly skid before adding only a double toe loop. Wilson chose a triple lutz to open his combination and fell heavily, hitting a barrier with a resounding bang. A dazzling spin combination at the end will no doubt have recovered some ground.

TENNIS: HINGIS TAKES STEP CLOSER TO REMARKABLE GRAND-SLAM DOUBLE

Sampras watches the ball intently as he makes a backhand return on his way to victory over Costa yesterday and a place in the semi-finals

Lion-hearted Sampras roars on

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN MELBOURNE

PETE SAMPRAS has been challenged to justify his top billing at this Australian Open, and he has not been found wanting. He was taken to five sets on a cool evening at Melbourne Park by plucky Albert Costa, of Spain, just as he had been stretched in the ferocious afternoon heat two days before by little-known Dominik Hrbaty, of Slovakia. But he prevailed and will now play Thomas Muster for a place in the men's final.

On the evidence presented to the centre court yesterday, that meeting will be no place for faint hearts. Muster walloped Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 and that win, which followed the thumping he gave Jim Courier earlier in the week, will remind Sampras that, for all the trouble he has taken so far, the toughest battles lie ahead.

Awaiting the winner of their semi-final is either Michael Chang, seeded No 2, or "King" Carlos Moya, the dashing Spaniard, who has made such a big impression during the past fortnight. Moya carries the hope of all Spain on his shoulders, for he is the last representative of a nation that has 14 players — more than the United States — in the world's top 100. He is, therefore, the flagship of what Harry Carpenter, referring to something altogether different, used to call "the mighty Armada".

Costa did his level best to join his compatriot in the last four, but Sampras proved too strong. A score of 6-2 in the concluding set was a shade harsh on the Spaniard, who had stood up gamely to the power play of an opponent who struck 23 aces and begun in commanding style. After nearly three hours of intense tennis, Costa had finally to bend the knee.

In the first set, with Sampras serving so fiercely and prowling the court like an angry lion, one was reminded of the other Albert, the one who went to Blackpool Zoo, put his head where he shouldn't have, and had it bitten off. Sampras whacked down three aces in the third game and, although Costa was to match that later in the set, he was given a thorough mauling in those opening skirmishes.

Britain's representatives in the boys' singles at the Australian Junior Open had mixed fortunes yesterday, David Sherwood reaching the third round but James Trotman losing 6-4, 6-2 to Luka Katanjac, of Croatia.

Other men would have gone under, but Costa held his service throughout the second set, coming from 40-15 down in the eleventh game to win with another ace, and won 7-5 in the tie-break with a lovely passing shot along the sideline. He lost the next set 6-1, but took the fourth 6-3 to take the match into a fifth set that was bound to make immense physical demands on the American.

Despite changing his racket for the fourth time, Sampras broke Costa's service and, by holding his own, went 4-1 ahead. Costa, previously so resilient, was now broken and, to prove that he had run out of puff, he conceded the final point by putting the ball into the net rather feebly. He had earned Sampras's respect, though, and the crowd gave him a rousing ovation.

Some day soon, perhaps, he will enjoy greater luck on the big points. He is certainly a gifted ball player: one backhand return, retrieved cleanly from an improbable angle with a wristy whip, was the shot of the night.

Martina Hingis, the delightful 16-year-old Swiss, has yet to drop a set on her path to the semi-finals, where she will play Mary Joe Fernandez, whose 7-5, 4-0 victory over Dominique van Roost was facilitated by the Belgian's withdrawal with an abdominal injury.

Hingis beat Irina Spirlea, of Romania, 7-5, 6-2 and was only briefly in trouble, going 2-0 down in the second set before sweeping to victory with a swift rush. She is also in the semi-finals of the women's doubles, but it is the singles title she covets, and if she lands it she will be the youngest winner of a grand-slam tournament in the open era. She is already the youngest player to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open.

Last year, Hingis reached the last four of the US Open before losing to Steffi Graf. This time, there is no Graf to halt her progress but Fernandez, twice a losing finalist at the Australian Open, presents an experienced obstacle. The winner will play either Graf's conqueror, Amanda Coetzer, of South Africa, or Mary Pierce, of France.

Men's singles
Quarter-finals
T Muster (Austria) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; P Sampras (US) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
SEMI-FINALS: Sampras v Muster; C Moya (Sp) v M Chang (US).
Women's singles
Quarter-finals
M J Fernandez (US) bt D van Roost (Bel) 7-5, 4-0 ret; M Hingis (Switz) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 7-5, 6-2.
SEMI-FINALS: Hingis v Fernandez; A Coetzer (SA) v M Pierce (Fr).

Women's doubles
Semi-finals
L Davenport (US) and L Raymond (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) and H Sukova (Cz) 7-5, 6-3.

Mixed doubles
Quarter-finals
L Neiland (Lat) and J de Jager (SA) bt R Bradtke (Aus) and J Eagle (Aus) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
BOYS' SINGLES: Second round: L Katanjac (Cro) bt J Trotman (GB) 6-4, 6-2; D Sherwood (GB) bt K Ziv (Isr) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

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ANDORRA								
Soldeu	60	180	slushy	heavy	slush	rain	3	21/1
(Very soggy skiing: only lower runs open - winds)								
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	40	150	good	varied	good	fine	2	21/1
(Good skiing in warm, sunny weather)								
Söll	20	65	fair	spring	icy	sun	5	20/1
(Typical spring conditions: slushy by 10.30am)								
FRANCE								
Flaine	115	260	good	heavy	slush	cloud	9	20/1
(Warm and wet: top pistes offering good skiing)								
Méribel	60	140	good	heavy	slushy	cloud	11	20/1
(Good skiing high up but very mild: slush below 2,000m)								
Tignes	105	190	good	varied	good	cloud	4	22/1
(Pistes in good shape despite mild temperatures)								
ITALY								
Cortina	55	120	good	powder	worn	fog	2	21/1
(Upper slopes excellent: sun shining above 2,000m)								
SWITZERLAND								
Verbier	50	200	good	varied	slushy	cloud	7	21/1
(Generally good on all but lowest runs: mild)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

Answers from page 39

VAIK
(c) Or *vake*. Of a benefice, office or position: to become or fall vacant. Also to remain vacant or unfilled. An adaptation of the Latin *vacāre* to be vacant. Of persons, to be free, to have time or leisure, for engaging in some occupation. "Nou Cupid compellis/ Our hairtis echone/ On Venus tha vaikis,/ To muse on our maikis."

YEO
(c) A stream or drain (in mining). *Reproducing the OE ea a stream or river.* The river name Yeo (OE *Eowan* in oblique cases) may be intended.

WHILLYWHA
(c) A wheedling or insinuating person: a flattering deceiver. Scots, of obscure origin. Walter Scott, *Redgauntlet*, 1824. "He's a whilly-whaw body and has a plausible tongue of his own."

ZENDIK
(b) A name given in the East to a disbeliever in revealed religion or a practiser of heretical magic. From the Arabic *zindiq* an atheist, fire-worshipper, disbeliever in a future state.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxh7+! Kxh7 2 Bxg6+! Kh8 (2 ... Kxg6 3 Qf7 mate) 3 Bg7+! Nxg7 (3 ... Kxg7 4 Qf7+) 4 Qh4+ Kg8 5 Qh7 checkmate

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A new series of one of the best current affairs programmes in broadcasting starts with prospects for the National Health Service, one of the balls that is certain to be flying back and forth across the general election net. Andrew Dilnot presents the programme whose focus is how the real increase (allowing for inflation) in health spending over the past ten years sits with expectations of virtually no increase in future years. Dilnot asks if budgetary restraints will mean further rationing of services and whether the NHS can remain "free" without radical overhaul. Contributors include Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who insists the NHS can continue in its present form.

Swanton at 90. *Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm.*

The rich tones of E.W. (Jim) Swanton have vanished from the radio commentary at cricket matches: that particular and curious calling has been taken over by former players, with mixed results and to mixed reactions, during the past decade or so. But Swanton has remained one of the game's great journalistic figures, one to rank with John Arlott in the pantheon of those who have given cricket reporting a literary status unmatched in any other sport. This series of conversations with David Rayvern Allen contains plenty of the muscular forthrightness with which Swanton has enlivened his work. Tonight's opener includes Swanton on his early life, leading up to England's notorious bodyline tour.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Simon Mayo 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs, includes at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 Soundbite, with Danny Kelly 10.00 Mark Radcliffe, live from Manchester 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 4.00am Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 My Mammy and Me. The final part of the Scottish sitcom starring Eileen McCallum and Kate Donnelly 7.30 David Allen 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Bluegrass Comes Home, with Fiona Ritchie 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Sue McGarry 3.00 Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 7.35 Swanton at 90. See Choice (1/3) 8.05 Inside Edge. Rob Bonnet looks behind the sporting headlines 9.05 SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd 9.35 Sportsbop: Adrian Goldberg looks at the sports business 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours — Early Call, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. News on the hour.
5.30am Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Network UK 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Composer of the Month 8.45 Health Matters 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Sports International 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf 11.30 Meridian On Screen 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Assignment 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Network UK 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.30 Assignment 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 John Peel 9.05 Business 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian Books 10.30 World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.10 Take Five 11.15 Early Versions 11.30 Ed Stewart 12.30am Good Books 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Outlook 1.55 Words of Faith 2.30 The Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C major, K467) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Poulenc (Flute Sonata) 8.00 Evening Concert. Rodrigo (Five Children's Pieces, 1942); Albeniz (Sevilla); Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez; fantasia para un Gentilhombre); de Falla (The Three Cornered Hat) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Golding (Jewish folk songs); Dvorak (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Chopin (Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47); Glass (Facades); Weber (Overture: [illegible]); Schubert (Symphony No 2 in B flat)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor); Schubert (Didone abbandonata); Bizet (Roma)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mairi Nicholson. Includes Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture: May Night); Mozart (Divertimento in D, K136); Massenet (Tu pleures, Manon); Shostakovich (Symphony No 1); Falla (Seven Popular Songs); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor)

12.00 Composers of the Week: C.P.E. Bach and Quantz

1.00pm Schubert on Stage. David Owen Norris introduces the opera Claudine von Villa Bella. Starring Felicity Lott, soprano, Robert Tear, tenor, Malcolm King, bass, Brian Burrows, tenor, Margaret Marshall, soprano. With the BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton

2.05 The Bohemian Quartet. Pendy Gore presents a new series devoted to string quartets by Bohemian contemporaries of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, played by the Salomon Quartet. Antonio Rosetti (String Quartets, Op 6, No 3 in B flat; No 4 in C minor; No 6 in F)

2.50 Simon Rattle Conducts. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment. Plus the Royal Military School of Music Band, director Colonel C.G. Ross. Corelli (Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 2); Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor, K550); Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli); Sibelius (Symphony No 5)

4.35 La Bonne Chanson. Jean-Paul Fouchecourt, tenor, and Graeme McNaught, piano, perform Fauré's song cycle

5.00 Music Machine

5.15 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter. Includes Grainger (Suite: In a Nutshell); Finzi (Clarinet Concerto); Walton (Incidental Music: Richard III)

7.30 Sinfonia 21. In concert at St John's, Smith Square, London. Featuring a newly rediscovered early work for viola and strings by Britten and a new work by Jonathan Harvey. Conductor Martyn Brabbins. With Piers Lane, piano, Martyn Outram, viola

9.00 Material World: Metal (4/5)

9.25 Anderszewski Plays Bach. A piano recital by Piotr Anderszewski. Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV830) (r)

10.00 Music Restored. Highlights of a concert given by Ensemble Clément Janequin. Includes music by Juan Vasquez, Diego Ortiz, Mateo Flecha, Claudin de Sermisy and Clément Janequin

10.45 Night Waves

11.30 Composer of the Week: Ravel (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)

9.30 The University. Students unfurl their protest banners (3/7)

10.00 News; Death on the Nile (FM). Agatha Christie's famous mystery novel. With John Moffat, Donald Sinden and Robert Daws (4/5)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitaker

12.25pm Wordly Wise 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Untouchable, by Mulk Raj Anand. Adapted by Shaheen Khan and Sudha Bhuchar. With [illegible] Karapiet, [illegible] Uzzaman

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen talks to the French pianist Philippe Cassard as he embarks on the complete piano works of Debussy

4.45 Short Story: The Station Road, by Ann Bridge

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The Sitwells. The ground-breaking sketch show written and performed by Nick [illegible] and Tim de Jongh

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 In the Kingdom of Klein. Simon Dring takes an inside look at the workings of a frontline UN mission in Eastern Slavonia

8.00 Analysis — Free for All. See Choice

8.45 The Red Hills of Home. Sixteen years after independence, residents of Zimbabwe reflect on their home and their history (3/6)

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people with disabilities. Presented by Frederick Dove

9.30-11.30 Test Match Special (LW). Coverage of the first day's play in the first Test between England and New Zealand from Eden Park, Auckland

9.30 Kaleidoscope (FM) (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (FM), with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Wimbledon Poisoner (FM), by Nigel Williams (9/10)

11.00 Bitter Medicine (FM). Sharon Gless stars as private eye V.I. Warshawski in Michelene Wandor's dramatisation of the novel by Sara Paretsky (6/6)

11.30 The Art of Travel. Jack Hill's 500-mile walk along the pilgrims' road to Santiago de Compostela (4/6) (r)

12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather

12.30-4.30 Test Match Special (LW) Continued coverage

12.30 The Late Book: The Third Policeman (FM), by Flann O'Brien. Read by Patrick Magee (4/10) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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What you get is more than what you see

The show-and-tell approach of much television can sometimes lead us awry. When the great pianist Andras Schiff announced at the beginning of last night's **Omnibus** (BBC1) that Schubert's sonata music "makes me cry", I automatically expected to see big baby tears rolling down his cheeks. Duly, the camera closed up on his face, his fingers tickled those ivories, and yet — not a tear in sight. Literal-minded people are usually pretty comfy with television: a dry-eyed Schiff at this point seemed almost an affront to our natural rights. Force yourself, Andras, please. You come from a different tradition, admittedly: but we telly viewers are different. How can we absorb what we hear if we don't also see it at the same time?

This *Omnibus* — entitled *The Wanderer*, and made by Mischa Scorer — was a refreshingly old-fashioned arts programme, the sort of non-revisionist celebration of artistic greatness craved by viewers, which can be produced only according to chronological accident, when a big anniversary crops up. At all other times, a Schubert film would only be made if there were skeletons to excavate, or if Doggy Dog Dirty Doo-Doo (a talentless man in a woolly hat) had done a No 1 rap mix with the Fantasy in F minor (D940). This being Schubert's bicentennial month, however, Schiff's straightforwardly eloquent and passionate enthusiasm for Schubert's piano music required no spin other than teutonic streams tripping lightly over rocks, to illustrate those persistent aquatic tiddle-widdles, famously suggestive of fish.

Yes, those cool streams did widdle-tiddle. Mists hung low over majestic trees. The show-and-tell method is never quite eradicated. But Austrian calendar-pictures be blowed: it is far more fascinating to see Schiff's hands demonstrating the difficulty of a song-without-words — his right hand providing both the melody and the accompaniment; his left, the orchestration. Schiff played *Die Doppelgänger* — an achingly sad song of lost love — and announced it to have "more drama in its two minutes than in the complete output of Richard Wagner", an impressively provocative thing to say. He also said that, in Roman Catholic terms, Bach is the Father, Mozart is the Son, and Schubert is the Holy Ghost, which sorts matters nicely. We never did see him cry. You can't have everything.

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Besides, this *Omnibus* followed directly from **Common as Muck** (BBC1), where salt water (as usual) came in more than sufficient quantities, thank you very much. This series progresses weirdly: last week's episode gave us a small, heart-stopping scare, as the gang broke up in acrimony; this week, however, they were all back together, best chums in the world, with a comic haircutting competition subplot, and a feel-good factor so thick and juicy you wanted to put it on a plate and call it dinner.

As for the sudden death of Irene (June Whitfield), cruelly shattering Nev's dreams of happiness: as an emotional manipulation, it was hardly subtle. In fact in the Olde Book of Tricks, such simple dramatic irony is firmly listed as No 1. At my mummy's knee, I learnt the ironic process from westerns, in which "I love you" and "We're going to be so happy!" was always followed closely by bang-bang, and the whoop of marauding Apaches. "I will return in two days from Laramie! Wait for me, my darlin'!" said the hero to his wasp-waisted fiancée; and I would lisp to my mama: "Is she going to die now?" And mama would whisper back, "You bet."

However, the death of June Whitfield — corny, or not — provided Edward Woodward with a great acting moment ("No! No, love. No! No, love!") which clinched one's suspicions that Nev is the performance of his career. Their scenes together, with Irene telling Nev "You're beautiful" were, well, beautiful, and it was reassuring to hear from Nev that "full trouser activity" had not been neglected either. Only one thing puzzled me. The van in which the boys drove to Fleetwood was marked "Truss's Fresh Fish". The camera even lingered on the name, to ensure full attention. Truss? How bloody odd.

More scary stuff from the world of business in **Trouble at the Top** (BBC2), which this week concerned Jonathan Heynes, would-be saviour of the Reliant Robin. Before he bought the company, it had gone bust three times in five years (imagine the little car on its back, its wheels spinning pathetically in the air), yet strangely he didn't seem stupid. Possibly he had something to prove to his dead father — an important Jaguar man, who developed the E-type — but psychoanalysis is not the role of *Trouble at the Top*. On the other hand, I would love to know what a psychoanalyst made of his startling management technique, which was to say "Look, I'm smiling; I can't smile any harder than this," as if patience were only a matter of will.

By sheer force of smiling insincerely, however, Heynes turned the company around in less than a year. Last summer, funny little three-wheeled cars finally started rolling off the production line, all with loving homes to go to. I didn't cry, but I think Heynes and his hard-working wife Samantha probably did. They'd had to hold their breath, and work strenuously to stay in the black, for months.

My only quibble was with Heynes's directive to his sales staff, encouraging a positive attitude. Evidently, the Unipart empire had been built on this simple philosophy: "The answer is yes, now what's the question?" Hmm. Sounds dangerous to me. What if the customer thinks really quickly and asks for a million pounds?

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (58836)
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (60588)
9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (4576965)
9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8546439)
9.45 KILROY (1736491)
10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (12878)
11.00 NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (6039743)
11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (2136520)
11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Evelyn Glennie (6816410)
12.00 NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (7627762)
12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (6865946)
12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4591101)
12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27013168)
1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (63675)
1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44686762)
1.40 NEIGHBOURS Libby's choice of friends worries Susan and Carl (T) (74595859)
2.05 QUINCY (8544052)
2.50 PUT IT TO THE TEST (3580472)
3.15 MORE SECRET GARDENS (6359052)
3.30 PLAYDAYS (3596120) **3.50** Casper Classics (2218439) **3.55** Wham! Bam! Strawberry Jam! (8949810) **4.10** Free Willy (1389236) **4.35** The Really Wild Show (7595033) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5187287) **5.10** Grange Hill (T) (1590014)
5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (170014)
6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (781)
6.30 NEWSROOM SOUTH EAST (T) (753)
7.00 WATCHDOG Includes a look at the mysterious animal deaths sweeping the country (T) (5439)
7.30 EASTENDERS Kathy can't make up her mind whether she and Phil have a future together (T) (217)
8.00 CHOICE **INCREDIBLE JOURNEYS** Insight into the amazing 3,000-mile migration made by the monarch butterfly from its breeding grounds in Canada to the warm winter refuge of a forest in Mexico (T) (1859)
8.30 NEXT OF KIN Maggie becomes a Cub mistress, while Andrew has a reunion lunch with his former secretary (T) (3694)
9.00 NEWS (T) and weather (2946)
9.30 THE X FILES: Hell Money Mulder and Scully travel to San Francisco's China-Town to investigate the bizarre and horrific death of a man burnt alive in a crematorium oven (T) (337507)
10.15 THE FRANK SKINNER SHOW (r) (852675)
10.45 QUESTION TIME The guests are MPs Gillian Shephard and Frank Dobson, Charles Moore, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, and Carmen Callil, founder of Virago Press (T) (286878)
11.45 RAMADAN JOURNEYS (774859)
12.05am FILM: Gothic (1986) starring Gabriel Byrne. Ken Russell's bizarre horror fantasy chronicling the surreal events which took place at Byron's Swiss villa in 1816 and inspired Mary Shelley to write *Frankenstein* (6637328)
1.30 WEATHER (2118969)

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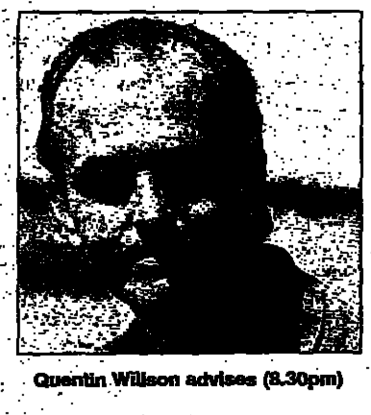
BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: The Other Virtuosos — Victorian Brass Bands (4967491) **6.25** Holidays by the Sea (4986526) **6.50** A New Museum at South Kensington (4054255) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (6833304) **7.30** Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch (2372781) **7.55** Blue Peter (2176236) **8.20** Wishing (3715878) **8.35** The Record (3216491) **9.00** Science Collection (8524217) **9.25** Into Work (9185743) **9.40** Megamaths (2905897) **10.00** Playdays (55168) **10.30** Storytime (8610149) **10.45** The Experimenter (5382439) **11.05** Space Ark (6050236) **11.15** Healthe 3 (5760507) **11.35** Landmarks (2876138) **11.55** Techno (6801588) **12.15pm** Quinze Minutes Plus (2528830) **12.30** Working Lunch (21014) **1.00** Lifeschool (50359453) **1.25** Isabel (86894410) **1.45** Numbertime (44603439) **2.00** Wishing (86131878) **2.10** Every One's Got One (9025526) **3.00** News **3.05** Westminster (7986897) **3.55** News **4.00** Today's the Day (946) **4.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (830) **5.00** Esther (3217) **5.30** The Village (179385) **5.55** Turning Points (824859)
6.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE (T) (955439)
6.45 TENNIS: Australian Open Women's semi-final highlights (163781)
7.30 FIRST SIGHT The Regent's Park Estate in north London was dubbed the most racially explosive area in Britain, after Richard Everitt, a white boy, was kicked to death by Bengali youths. Now new developments are emerging to bring the Bengali and white communities together (859) **WALES: 7.30** Disaster **EAST:** Matter of Fact **MIDLANDS:** Midlands Report **NORTH/NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST:** Close Up **SOUTH:** Southern Eye
8.00 DISASTER: The Golana Incident In 1987 panic spread through the Brazilian town of Golana when a group of people in possession of some seemingly harmless blue crystals became critically ill (T) (2101) **WALES:** Wonder Woman



Quentin Willson advises (8.30pm)

8.30 TOP GEAR Quentin Willson looks at the merits of buying an accident-damaged car and repairing it to become a runner (T) (236)
9.00 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN Dick attempts to make contact with his neighbours (T) (317385)
9.25 ICE SKATING (3030385) **10.30** Newsnight (T) (441694) **11.15** Late Review (778052) **11.55** Skiing Forecast (208033) **12.00** Midnight Hour (27724)
12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: O.U.: The Fires of Life (71057) **1.00** A Day in the Life (78521) **1.30** DNA: the Spice of Life (24298) **2.00** Childcare and Development (78279) **4.00** Greek Language and People/French Experience by (34279) **5.00** The Small Business Programme (42618) **5.30** 20 Steps to Better Management (28453)

CHOICE

Survival: The Rabbit in the Moon
ITV, 7.30pm

The Aztecs believed that you could see the outline of the volcano rabbit — the "most primitive rabbit alive" — on the surface of the Moon. Be that as it may (and a close-up of the moon does little to confirm Aztec perception) this is yet another story of a wee cowerin' beastie apparently destined for extinction. The endearing, hamster-like rabbit lives in thick "bunch grass" on the slopes of four extinct volcanoes around Mexico City. The city's population is approaching the 26 million mark and that means more and more grass is being torched to make way for grazing. The rabbits number fewer than 600 now and, as a final irony, the city's cat population is also overspilling. Fierce and feral, the cats are making short work of those rabbits still left. Fear breaks your heart.

Incredible Journeys: A Butterfly's Relay
BBC1, 8.00pm

Now this is more cheerful. Just how can a creature weighing about the same as a postage stamp do what the splendid black and gold monarch butterfly does? What instinct propels it over 3,000 miles, homing in on a plant, the milkweed, which grows only in certain parts of Canada and America, because it's safe to lay eggs there and drink the "milk" — sustaining for the butterfly and its offspring but poisonous to most other creatures and, when in the monarch's body, anathema to predators? This remarkable film doesn't really explain but, using an engaging flutter-by of digital butterflies superimposed on American and Canadian backdrops, charts the monarch and her daughter's journey from their dazzling winter "camp" in a Mexican forest through relays of births and deaths to north of Toronto and back again.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

You would think, argues this startling, bordering on salacious, report, that the training of promising young footballers by their clubs is a Good Thing. But in America, a one time Manchester City coach is serving time for sexual offences against young players which, it is now known, go back 20 years. Ian Ackley and others recall in some detail his "coaching" methods when they were as young as 11. The programme dishes the dirt on other coaches — well, one or two — and doorsteps (unsuccessfully) apparently uncaring FA officials. One club — Charlton Athletic — has already established its own code of practice and the first team coach, Les Reed ("it sickens me to hear such things") is sharply critical of the FA. "They need to come out of the towers at Lancaster Gate and really investigate what's going on."

Taggart: Apocalypse
ITV, 9.00pm

Part two of what is turning out to be one of the most bizarre stories in the series, with or without its eponymous hero. Like the film *Seven* (Deadly Sins), this three-parter charts — with Jardine and company apparently mesmerised to the point of total inaction — a series of murders based on the biblical plagues of Egypt: frogs, boils, locusts and, look out tonight for fire. At the heart of the story the smug, starry-eyed Children of the New Millennium continue to worship at the feet of their sinister "Father", David Burns (Nicholas Clay). Poor old Detective Constable Fraser (Colin McCredie) has now reluctantly gone undercover to investigate the sect at first hand ... Can he overcome his distaste for all that wonderfully observed holy ranting (and bad food) finally to nail the chief suspect? **Elizabeth Cowley**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1499965)
9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8514830)
9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9324255)
10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (42694)
10.30 THIS MORNING (83984439)
12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7623946)
12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (4526897)
12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (4501565) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (80989588) **1.50** Afternoon Live. The guests include Saskia Wickham (74593491) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (23349101) **2.50** Afternoon Live (9061946)
3.20 NEWS (6031439)
3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (6023410)
3.30 THE RIDDLERS (5944061) **3.40** Wizadora (1147762) **3.50** The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (3592304) **4.15** Mike and Angelo (1373675) **4.40** Sticky (3022584)
5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (r) (T) (8759830)
5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (346120)
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (197217)
6.25 HTV NEWS (455014)
7.00 EMMERDALE Frank confronts Kim with medical proof as to the paternity of the baby (T) (8697)
7.30 CHOICE **SURVIVAL: The Rabbit in the Moon** (T) (385)

Lacey and O'Callaghan (8.00pm)

8.00 THE BILL Boyden's (Tony O'Callaghan) love life becomes the centre of an investigation by his CID colleagues. With Rebecca Lacey (T) (9255)
8.30 MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S STRIKE IT RICH (T) (8762)
9.00 CHOICE **TAGGART** More strange murders lead the police to suspect sinister cult leader David Burns (T) (4656)
10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (22255)
10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (816014)
10.40 FILM: Alien Nation (1988) starring James Caan, Terence Stamp and Mandy Patinkin. Sci-fi thriller set when aliens, labelled newcomers by human beings, have settled on Earth but have yet to integrate into society. When the partner of an LA policeman is murdered by one of them, he reluctantly agrees to work with a newcomer in a bid to track down the killer. They uncover evidence of a plot threatening to destroy both their species. Directed by Graham Baker. (24017101)
12.20am IN BED WITH MEDINNER (9015786)
12.50 FUNNY BUSINESS (7538960)
1.20 CYBER CAFE (2219453) **1.55** Late and Loud (r) (1685415) **2.55** The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (4885618) **3.50** The Big Match — Replayed (8326279) **4.30** The Time, The Place (r) (86540) **5.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (r) (39144) **5.30** News (22279)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4501588)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8759830)
6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (105236)
6.55-7.00 LIFELINE (153566)
12.20am FUNNY BUSINESS (9015786)
12.50 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (7538960)
1.20 CLUB NATION (4691569)
2.20 SHIFT (2482231)
3.15 PLANET ROCK PROFILES featuring the Irish rock band the Cranberries (90665)
3.45 JONES AND JURY. Two cousins argue over money and child care (94610182)
4.05 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (5653231)
5.20 ASIAN EYE (5153144)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7623946)
12.55-1.25 EMMERDALE (4501588)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8759830)
6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (33859)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8759830)
6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (149)
6.30-7.00 GETAWAYS (101)
5.00am FREESCREEN (39144)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm ANGLIA AIR WATCH (7635781)
12.55-1.25 CROSSWITS (4501588)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8759830)
6.25 ANGLIA NEWS (105236)
6.55-7.00 WHAT'S ON (153566)
10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (248236)

S4C

Starts: **6.00am SESAME STREET** (81168)
7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (86526)
9.00 BEWITCHED (26584)
9.30 YSGOLION (949014)
12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (29168)
12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (49410)
1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (56385)
1.30 Film: BONJOUR TRISTESSE (1957). The teenage daughter of a wealthy widower tries to sabotage his new romance. Starring David Niven, Jean Seberg and Deborah Kerr. Directed by Otto Preminger (43149679)
3.15 RICKI LAKE (3959149)
4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (994)
4.30 WILD RELATIONS (526)
5.00 5 PUMP (8385)
5.30 COUNTDOWN (878)
6.00 NEWYDDION (711946)
6.05 HENO (108323)
6.35 GAIR AM AUR (151548)
7.00 POBOL Y CWM (201304)
7.25 PWY 'DI PWY? (583781)
8.00 PAM FI, DUW? (7897)
8.30 NEWYDDION (6304)
9.00 A55 (5526)
10.00 WY MISUS (20897)
10.30 Film: BODY SNATCHERS (24035507)
12.05am DISPATCHES (2649705)
1.05-2.05 NAKED CLASSICS (4693927)
3.40 YSGOLION (664960)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am SESAME STREET (81168) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (86526) **9.00** Bewitched (26584) **9.30** Schools (849014) **12.00** House To House (29168) **12.30pm** Here's One I Made Earlier (49410) **1.00** Cybill (80977743) **1.20** Haunted House (1923, b/w). A Buster Keaton short (42254039)
1.50 FILM: The Woman In Question (1950, b/w) A British whodunnit starring Jean Kent, Dirk Bogarde, Susan Shaw and John McCallum. Directed by Anthony Asquith (T) (82392491)
3.30 COLLECTORS' LOT (r) (T) (507) **4.00** Fifteen-To-One (T) (994) **4.30** Countdown (526) **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (9082694) **5.45** Scrimpers (628236)
6.00 NEW GAMESMASTER (T) (491)
6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (743)
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (959675)
7.50 BOOK CHOICE: BOOKS OF THE CENTURY Professor John Carey examines some of the non-fiction titles appearing on the Books of the Century list (T) (900323)
8.00 AN INSPECTOR CALLS On the road with two Automobile Association inspectors, employed to keep tabs on AA-listed hotels, farmhouses and guesthouses (r) (T) (7897)

Theme cooks Monica, Sue (8.30pm)

8.30 TV DINNERS Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall joins Monica Curtain and Sue Smallwood to prepare a 1970s soul food feast which takes the cult movie *Car Wash* as its theme. He also assists Michael Massarella to cook an Italian meal for 30 with the help of a pizza oven in a back garden (T) (6304)
9.00 CHOICE **DISPATCHES** An exposé of paedophile coaches preying on Britain's young soccer talent (T) (5526)
10.00 LENNY GO HOME Lenny Henry wows a hometown Birmingham audience with his stand-up routine (r) (T) (2806439)
11.05 FILM: The Baby of Macon (1994) starring Ralph Fiennes, Philip Stone and Julia Ormond. Peter Greenaway's powerful and arguably offensive story of a beautiful child-saint exploited by his sister (T) (27280236)
1.25am NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH Should the mother of a murdered teenager be able to prevent her son's paedophile killer from returning to live in the area after his release from prison? (2/8) (r) (T) (4681182)
2.25 WASTED WINDFALL A look at 25 years of North Sea oil (2/3) (r) (T) (2489144)
3.20 FILM: The Black Cat (1993) Edgar Allen Poe's classic starring Clive Perrott, directed by Rob Green (35407540)
3.40 TIME CAPSULE A series of educational programmes looking at Britain at critical times in European history (664960)
5.30 BACKDATE (r) (T) (13521)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (282236) **9.00** Designing Women (54878) **9.30** Designing Women (67830) **10.00** Another World (27897) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (83043) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (80781) **1.00pm** Geraldo (66101) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (63101) **3.00** Jenny Jones (99965) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (78472) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5694) **6.00** Real TV (5946) **6.30** Married — with Children (9526) **7.00** The Simpsons (6323) **7.30** MASH (8410) **8.00** Just Kidding (2743) **8.30** The Nanny (1878) **9.00** Seinfeld (74656) **9.30** Mad About You (81410) **10.00** Chicago Hope (11675) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (28528) **12.00** LAPD (67368) **12.30am** The Lucy Show (28989) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (84705)

SKY 2

7.00pm Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (8839255) **8.00** Sliders (8815675) **9.00** Highlander (8835439) **10.00** Tek War (8838526) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (7902762) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2041076)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Shock Treatment (1981) (59217) **8.00 Perilous Journey** (1953) (87781) **10.00 Mosquito Squadron** (1968) (72762) **12.00 All She Ever Wanted** (1996) (77304) **2.00pm Kideo** (1984) (35255) **4.00 Rita Hayworth: The Love Goddess** (1983) (5745) **6.00 Charlie's Ghost Story** (1994) (57261656) **7.40 US Top 10** (400851) **8.00 Congo** (1995) (16233255) **9.45 The Movie Show** (400236) **10.15 The Crew** (1994) (660323) **12.00 Betrayal of the Dove** (1992) (497057) **1.35am I Ought to Be in Pictures** (1982) (191057) **3.20 White Mile** (1994) (43961521)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Thunder Birds (1942) (44120) **7.30 Oliver Twist** (1986) (54507) **8.30 Perils of Problemina** (1995) (17813588) **10.10 The Magic Bubble** (1992) (51972052) **12.00 Ghost Ship** (1943) (9078120) **1.15pm The Leopard Man** (1943) (3977156) **2.30 Holiday on the Buses** (1973) (50061) **4.00 Perils of Problemina** (1995) (8168) **6.00 Black Feather** (1995) (13033) **8.00 Murder or Memory? 15** (1994) (25878) **10.00 Hard Evidence** (1994) (649830) **11.40 The Red Shoe Diaries: Weekend Pass** (1993) (706192) **1.15am Body Shot** (1993) (483540) **2.55 Awake to Danger** (1995) (768231) **4.30 Holiday on the Buses** (1973) (98908)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Monterey Pop (1968) (17713520) **5.50 The Leopard** (1963) (58054728) **8.00 The Sicilian Clan** (1969) (8576588) **10.00 Bachelor Party** (1984) (9848948) **11.50 The Collector** (1965) (6482439) **1.50am Young Frankenstein** (1974) (2886705) **3.40-5.35 Mildred Pierce** (1945) (3698540)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. **6.00am** Mouse Tracks (3279948) **6.25** Quack Attack (3281781) **6.50** Bonkers (8745149) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (9100439) **7.40** Aladdin (4483255) **8.05** Goof Troop (8260120) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (5760588) **8.40** The Care Bears (6801656) **9.10** Grounding Marsh (7030684) **9.40** Big Garage (8024781) **9.55** Lamb Chop's Play Along (6125472) **10.25** Muppet Babies (4979052) **10.55** Adventures in Wonderland (5806743) **11.25** Mouse Tracks (6742168) **11.55** Under the Umbrella Tree (4319120) **12.25pm** Fraggle Rock (4331762) **12.55** Best of Walt Disney Presents (7651584) **1.45** Aladdin (82418897) **2.10** The Little Mermaid (85372526) **2.35** Bonkers (1960894) **3.00** Quack Attack (7802472) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8267101) **3.35** Goof Troop (4526878) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (3831762) **4.10** Goof Troop (1654472) **4.35** Bonkers (6392502) **5.00** Aladdin (3147014) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (1110033) **5.35** Darkwing Duck (938584) **6.00** Bone Chillers (32781) **7.00** Dave's World (4149) **7.30 FILM: Harvest of Fire** (10972385) **9.10** Tarzan (369014) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (57052) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation: Challenge (82781) **8.30** Racing News (60052) **9.00** Sports Centre (51904) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (71656) **10.00** World Wrestling Federation: Challenge (32743) **11.00** International Cricket (52507) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (71168) **12.30am** European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (199858) **3.00** International Cricket (44439) **4.00** World of Sailing (9781) **4.30** Grass Roots Rugby (5965) **4.59** Sports Centre (9128743) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation: Superstars (7728) **6.00** Sports Centre (6830) **6.30** European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (874762) **9.00** Sports Centre (12830) **9.30** Live International Cricket (8036491) **4.30am** Live European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (10144)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Tight Lines (2990089) **9.00** Spanish Football (9640568) **11.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (4548014) **12.30am-1.00** Hall of Fame (1215453)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball (67844743) **1.00pm** Coca-Cola Cup Football (56804410) **3.00** Inside the PGA Tour (75275507) **3.30** Futbol Mundial (81955052) **4.00** Golf Extra (75279323) **6.00** World of Sailing (81951236) **6.30** Netbusters (81942588) **7.00** Sports Centre (75267588) **7.30** Football League Review (51490633) **9.00** Live US Golf: Phoenix Open (20397859) **11.00-11.30** World of Sailing (43708385)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Figure Skating (74385) **9.00** Luge (68743) **10.00** Alpine Skiing (2365033) **11.15** Tennis: Australian Open (30877472) **4.30pm** Figure Skating (71472) **5.30** Figure Skating — Live (2836491) **9.00** Tennis: Australian Open (74168) **10.00** Snowboarding (77255) **11.00** Darts (68168) **12.00-12.30am** Basketball (82368)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Krypton Factor (8127168) **6.30** Once Upon a Time (34211588) **6.45** Our Backyard (26124052) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (5916588) **7.15** Once Upon a Time (9903675) **7.30** The Return of the Antelope (5659520) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1037762) **8.30** Families (1036033) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (8103588) **10.00** Second Thoughts (4883304) **10.30** Two's Company (1056897) **11.00** The Life and Times of Henry Pratt (5859728) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1047149) **12.30pm** Families (9056120) **1.00** Albion Market (5554976) **1.30** Edge of Britain (9055491) **2.00** Drummonds (4864033) **3.00** Chessgame (9145236) **4.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 1 (2644304) **4.30** Second Thoughts (2640588) **5.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (3449101) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (2654781) **6.30** Families (2645033) **7.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 1 (3440830) **7.30** Two's Company (2641217) **8.00** Chessgame (6353675) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (4561385) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (6273994) **10.00-11.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (6376526) **From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

Terence Stamp and Samantha Eggar (Sky Movies Gold, 11.50pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Audrey Hepburn (6476946) **5.00** Hollywood (1041491) **6.00** The Red Baron (1012439) **7.00-8.00** Biography: John Paul II (4890269)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **6pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable. **8.00pm** Amazing Stories (1068168) **8.30** Twilight Zone (1047875) **9.00 FILM: The Ravagers** (27402033) **10.40** Special Preview Screening of First Contact (9458120) **10.55** New Buzz Bytes (9662149) **11.00** Friday the 13th (9673762) **12.00** Incredible Hulk (9109231) **1.00am** Twilight Zone (6426250) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (9028389) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (3327502) **2.30** Night Gallery (3346637) **3.00-4.00** Friday the 13th (7849569)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (3449897) **9.30** Grow Your Own (8004975) **10.00** Go Fishing (9292675) **10.30** Our House (3436781) **11.00** The Painted House (4589762) **11.30** This Old House (4580491) **12.00** Sweet Things (3429033) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (6813061) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (8905014) **1.30** Home Again (7263502) **2.00** Hometime (8729859) **2.30** Furniture on the Mend (3579192) **3.00** Two's Country (8731694) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (4024287)

DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm. **4.00pm** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (9874584) **4.30** The Survivor (3474548) **5.00** Connections 2 (8743439) **5.30** Beyond 2000 (5474728) **6.00** Wild Things (2129651) **6.30** Wildfilm (8424043) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (8723675) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (2024007) **8.00** Professionals (8882675) **9.00** Top Marques II (4509526) **9.30** Disaster (2415205) **10.00** Medical Detectives (3420762) **10.30** Science Detectives (3439410) **11.00** Classic Wheels (8915491) **12.00** Seawings (2058892) **1.00am** Top Marques (2762892) **1.30-2.00** High Five (2107502)

UK GOLD

7.00am Terry and June (7439236) **7.35** Neighbours (9877385) **8.00** Crossroads (7575472) **8.25** EastEnders (7371138) **9.00** The Bill (3441255) **9.30** One by One (5345236) **10.30** The Sullivans (3447439) **11.00** Juliet Bravo (8903656) **12.00** Crossroads (3421491) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2087939) **1.00** EastEnders (8206965) **1.35** Terry and June (5343697) **2.15** Shelley (4582014) **2.50** 'Allo, 'Allo! (8760859) **3.30** The Bill (2224205) **4.00** All Creatures Great and Small (4572472) **5.00** Bob's Full House (7583236) **5.40** Crossroads (3950658) **6.05** EastEnders (7958491) **6.40** Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game (18960236) **7.50** Are You Being Served? (7677236) **8.30** Russ Abbot (8720588) **9.00** The Bill (4578656) **9.30** The Equalizer (3226472) **10.30** Not the Nine O'Clock News (36031304) **11.45** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (4362588) **12.20am** The Best of Top of the Pops (2412347) **1.00** Peter Gabriel in Profile (9105927) **1.15** Miami Vice (6267618) **2.05** Shopping (36938163)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (5398694) **6.45** Pugwall (783946) **7.15** Saved by the Bell (780859) **7.45** California Dreams (772830) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (835472) **8.45** Art Attack (3232698) **9.00** Tiny TCC (4240007) **9.20** Brum (4345851) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (9318410) **9.50** Towser (9314694) **10.00** Robin and Rosie (4818149) **10.15** King Rollo (1463675) **10.20** Philbert (1460588) **10.25** Christopher Crocodile (4897656) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (3071014) **11.00** Dinobabies (78410) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (86439) **12.00** Barney (95174) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (37236) **1.00** Casper (51491) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (81270156) **1.45** Teddy Trucks (57794762) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (75831781) **2.15** Babaloos (82659217) **2.20** Bump (62863410) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (3493656) **2.40** Mr Benn (7308052) **3.00** Pugwall (5014) **3.30** Saved by the Bell (9491) **4.00** California Dreams (7526) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (6410)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Turtles (95897) **6.30** Biker Mice (24236) **7.00** Rocko (2425781) **7.15** Hey Arnold! (7344033) **7.30** Rugrats (34101) **8.00** Doug (69323) **8.30** Aaahh! (68694) **9.00** Alvin (59946) **9.30** Arthur (77746) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (8419217) **10.10** Wimzie's House (2475743) **10.30** Lizzie's Library (48830) **11.00** Children's BBC (50149) **12.00** Magic School Bus (62410) **12.30pm** Mr Men (73014) **1.00** Babar (54965) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (72385) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (8323) **2.30** Children's BBC (46762) **3.30** Aaahh! (6588) **4.00** Bruno the Kid (7323) **4.30** Rugrats (7816588) **4.45** Doug (7804743) **5.00** Sister Sister (9675) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (4859) **6.00** Alex Mack (4472) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8052)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (9439) **7.30** Benson (4236) **8.00** Entertainment UK (5859) **8.30** Hooperman (7694) **9.00** Bakersfield PD (10472) **9.30** Taxi (93878) **10.00** Wings (70439) **10.30** London Underground (56859) **11.00** Manmade News (22217) **11.30** Frontline (31912) **12.00** Saturday Night Live (35366) **1.00am** Hooperman (20521) **1.30** Bakersfield PD (76298) **2.00** Entertainment UK (98095) **2.30** Manmade News (77502) **3.00** Taxi (17057) **3.30-4.00** Wings (91182)

BRAVO

12.00 Time Tunnel (3788192) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (1768912) **2.00** Department S (9290930) **3.00** Space 1999 (4588033) **4.00 FILM: Martin's Day** (8738236) **6.00** Return of the Saint (7368156) **7.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (8893781) **8.00** Hammer Horror (8879101) **9.00** Persuaders (8899965) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Night of the Comet**

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (9085651) **6.50** Trivial Pursuit (16473526) **7.10** Turnabout (4462878) **7.40** Young and Restless (5180304) **8.30** Masterchef (9568385) **9.00** Gladrags and Glamour (9638410) **9.10** Gabrielle (4892255) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3475965) **11.00** Young and Restless (2865675) **11.55** Brookside (88485491) **12.25pm** Call the Doctor (19247149) **12.50** Tempestt (5704946) **1.40** Gordon Elliott (8843859) **2.30** Agony (6860120) **3.00** Live at Three (94182138) **4.10** Jerry Springer (4221965) **5.05** Lingo (76250491) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (6871236) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (8324743) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (6940439) **7.05** Brookside (8406439) **7.35** Who's Sorry Now? (2533965) **8.05** Rolonda (5570385) **9.00 FILM: Hollow Point** (5566101) **11.00-12.00** Erogenous Zone

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (7859) **5.30** Through the Keyhole (7762) **6.00** All Clued Up (4675) **6.30** Catchphrase (8256) **7.00** Pyramid Game (4833) **7.30** Hart to Hart (87679) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (5878) **9.00** Father Dowling (92588) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (35675) **11.00** Rising Damp (60491) **11.30** Duty Free (41526) **12.00** Lou Grant (73540) **1.00am** Father Dowling (16927) **2.00** Hart to Hart (93637) **3.00** Lou Grant (67647) **4.00** All Together Now (27521) **4.30** Black Stallion (89298)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Life Style East **8.30** Business **9.00** Hit Thi Hit Hai **9.30** Your Zindagi **10.00** Sahil **11.00** Chakravyuh **11.30** Benegi Apni Baat **12.00** Dastaan **12.30pm** Nukkad **1.00 FILM: Pyar Ka Rogue** **4.00** Ramadan Special **4.30** ZEE Top 10 **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** TBA **6.00** Yoodle Ae Oo **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Ten Bhi Chup Men Bhi Chup **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Andaz **9.00** Jaal **9.30** Hasratain **10.00** Commander **10.30** Song Yatra **11.00** Zee Horror Show **11.30-12.00** Aap Ki Farmaish

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below. **9.00pm Lolita** (1962) (16935526) **11.35 Your Cheatin' Heart** (1964) (78064588) **1.20am The Shining Hour** (1938) (35874685) **2.40-5.00 Dodge City** (1939)

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Olazabal ready to return with new spring in his step

SPORT

TENNIS 42
Sampras roars into last four despite Costa's brave defiance

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Captain under intense pressure to end poor run in first Test against New Zealand

Atherton must regain his personal touch

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in Auckland

MICHAEL ATHERTON is wryly amused by the speculation that he may stand down as captain of England after the Ashes series this summer. "I'd just like to think I might get that far," he retorts. Such uncertainty, fostered amid the tribulations of Zimbabwe, explains why the Test match about to start here is among the most significant of his life.

Atherton properly plays down the scale and personal nature of the occasion that begins late today. "They are all big games," he said. But some are bigger than others and, deep down, he knows it. Lose here and the outraged cries for Atherton's head, misdirected or not, will become louder, more strident and eventually irresistible.

It has come to this for two reasons. The team underachieved in Zimbabwe and Atherton scarcely made a run. Many have ventured a view as to whether one problem influenced the other, and in which order, but on all recent evidence it can safely be said that England will not resume playing convincing Test cricket unless their captain regains his elusive form with the bat. It follows, therefore, that, if he does not do so soon, he will lose the job.

There are other telling factors to consider for this opening Test of three against New Zealand, notably the fitness of Dominic Cork. England's most incisive bowler had been written off even by his own team-mates after breaking down with back trouble in Hamilton on Sunday but, by yesterday, he had recovered sufficiently to sustain hope of a reprieve.

Wayne Morton, the physiotherapist, explained: "The damage is to a facet joint at the base of the spine and we don't think there is any muscle tear. He has improved a good deal and I am far more hopeful than I was." A decision, he said, would be left late.

Cork was scheduled to bowl in the final practice session early today and, if he came through this initial test, his overnight reaction would be gauged. "If he is not 100 per cent, he won't play," David Lloyd, the coach, said.

Cork's involvement is needed in the short term. Atherton's recuperation has a more profound place on the agenda. Lloyd attempts to sound unconcerned on both scores and says: "If Cork is not fit, we'll just pick someone else." But he does not, of course, say or even think that if Atherton fails again, if he is out cheaply and his detractors resume their drum-banging, then they will simply find another captain. No one in the camp wishes to contemplate such a contingency.

Atherton can do no more to prepare himself. The bowling machine was his constant companion behind the dressing-rooms in Hamilton last weekend and he had a conspicuously long net yesterday, in which his feet were moving positively. It is, though, a different matter in the middle. "The important thing is to keep a clear mind," Atherton said. "I don't go into any Test match worrying about my last innings."

Maybe not, but he is acutely aware that his lean form extends rather further than one innings. Apart, indeed, from a laboured century at Trent Bridge in July, Atherton has passed 50 only three times in 18 Test innings since his monumental 185 not out in Johannesburg just over a year ago and, on this tour, he has scraped together 126 runs in 11 first-class innings. There may never be a better time, and more attractive odds, to back him for a century.

The captain's initial challenges, however, will concern selection and toss. England must decide whether to go in with one spin bowler or two on a virgin pitch, relaid last year and likely to start with some life for the seamers before flattening out. Atherton, should he call correctly, must ponder if he should continue with the tactic of bowling first, which has been successful so far.

If he decides this is the best option, then a second spinner will almost certainly be sacrificed, leading to a delicate choice between Robert Croft and Philip Tufnell. Croft is dependable: everyone knows what he can do and it is admirable. But Tufnell just might win England the match, as he has done previously in this country. To pick him would be to broadcast confident intent.

Eden Park is shaped for rugby rather than cricket and two of the boundaries are among the shortest on any Test ground. Neither captain felt that this would influence selection, though New Zealand seem, anyway, to be leaning towards the inclusion of Justin Vaughan, as a seam bowling all-rounder, rather than the left-arm spinner, Mark Haslam.

Lee Germon, their personable captain, is unhappy with a preparation period dominated by one-day cricket and "a wee bit surprised" that England have made such a dominant start to this leg of their tour. But he says the impact of Steve Rixon, the new coach, is a higher degree of self-belief: "Previous New Zealand teams have been going into Test matches looking to draw unless they sniff a chance of victory. We go into our games expecting to win."

With Lloyd still insisting at every opportunity that England were moral winners of the series in Zimbabwe, it seems that neither side is admitting to any shortage of confidence. Atherton, certainly, is not of a mind to do so, especially on matters personal. He knows that every eye will be trained on him as never before and, quietly, in his obstinate way, he may even be relishing it.

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Atherton tries to find his form as Stewart, the wicketkeeper, looks on in the nets at Eden Park yesterday

TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND (probable): L K Germon (captain), B A Young, B A Pocock, A C Parore, S P Fleming, N J Astle, C L Cairns, J T C Vaughan, D N Patel, S B Doull, D K Morrison.

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), N V Knight, A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, C White, R D V Croft, D Gough, C E W Silverwood, A D Mullally, P C R Tufnell, D G Cork.

Umpires: S Dunne (NZ) and S Bucknor (WI). Match referee: P Burge (Aus).

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Cork: late decision

Same again would suit England on return to Eden Park

By Simon Wilde

ENGLAND'S form in New Zealand during the past fortnight has raised hopes that they may be about to do something rash and win a Test series away from home for the first time in five years. If they are looking for further encouraging signs, they might like to reflect that their last series success was achieved at Eden Park, Auckland, where the first Test match starts later today.

The Auckland game of 1992, which followed an innings victory in Christchurch, was played in unusual conditions, on a pitch that began damp and remained difficult throughout because of uneven bounce. The match was dominated by the seam bowlers, with England's attack — led by DeFreitas, Lewis and Pringle, who took 16 wickets between them — comfortably outperforming New Zealand's, although the best figures were recorded by Cairns, who claimed six for 52 in the first innings.

Traditionally, Auckland is an excellent place for scoring runs, if slowly, but feeble batting by New Zealand has enabled Pakistan and South Africa to come away with victories in recent years. The last Test match played there, ten months ago, resulted in a high-scoring draw with Zimbabwe, Cairns again featuring prominently, this time with the bat. He smashed 120 from only 96 balls, including ten sixes, on the last day.

England, likely to include only two survivors from that previous appearance, in Stewart and Tufnell, have never lost in 13 Tests at Eden Park, their two defeats in 35 matches in New Zealand coming at Wellington in 1977-78 and Christchurch in 1983-84.

ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND AT AUCKLAND: Results: Played 13, England won 4, New Zealand won 0, drawn 9.

Records (England first): Highest totals: 593-6 dec (1974-75); 496-9 dec (1983-84). Lowest totals: 203 (1991-92); 26 (1954-55). Highest individual innings: 336 not out W R Hammond (1932-33); 130 J G Wright (1983-84). Best bowling: 6-34 W E Bowes (1932-33); 6-52 C L Cairns (1991-92).

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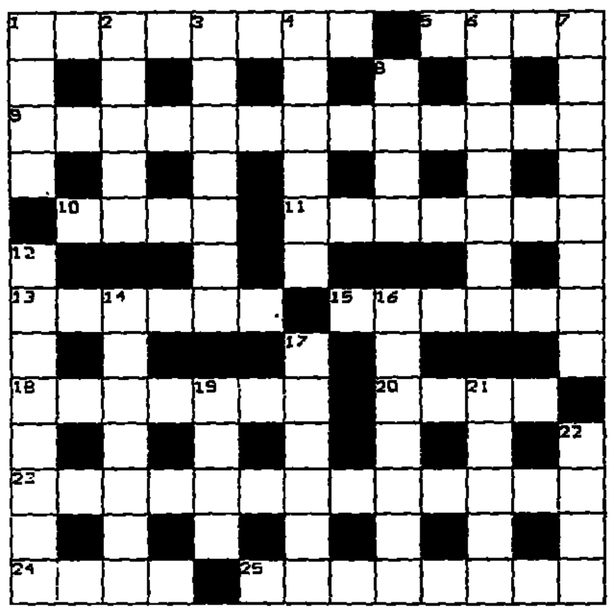

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- 10 New starter (4)
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- 13 Still surviving (6)
- 15 Taker of pictures (6)
- 18 Potato spirit (7)
- 20 Little argument (4)
- 23 Immediately to hand (unnoticed) (5.4.4)
- 24 Mend hole in (sock) (4)
- 25 Apposite (8)

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- 1 Newborn (4)
- 2 Repentant (5)
- 3 Recline: accept unprotestingly (3.4)
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- 6 Person receiving one's support, patronage (7)
- 7 Flatter (4-4)
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- 12 Reduced in worth (8)
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Buckley fails Albion's ambition

Buckley: dismissed

ALAN BUCKLEY, the West Bromwich Albion manager, was dismissed yesterday, paying the price for not living up to the considerable expectations of Tony Hale, his chairman, and the Nationwide League first division club's supporters (Russell Kempson writes). On Saturday, during the drab 1-1 draw with Oldham Athletic at The Hawthorns, the fans had called for Buckley's head; four days later, they got their wish.

Hale is now seeking a high-profile successor to lift the club out of the shadows of Wolverhampton Wanderers, its Black Country neighbours, and justify its decision to float on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange earlier this month.

By the end of trading in the first week, the shares had more than doubled in value to £220, valuing the club at about £16 million. However, as Millwall discovered on Tuesday, when they had to call in the administrators, success in the City is reliant on success on the pitch.

"I think Alan was half expecting it," Hale said. "It was not a nice decision to make because it is never nice to dismiss anyone. It is very sad but something had to be done. We had hoped to be in the top six in the table rather than where we are at the moment."

West Bromwich lie seventeenth in the first division, having won only three of 15 home league matches this season. They have twice lost to Wolves, including a 4-2 defeat at The Hawthorns in September. "I wasn't happy because we don't like losing to them," Hale said. "The manner in which we lost was as disappointing as it was totally unacceptable."

Buckley, 45, an often tetchy character prone to walking out of post-match press conferences, took over as manager in October 1994. He spent £3 million, much of it on four players — Paul Groves, Dave Gilbert, Shaun Cunnington and Paul Crichton — from Grimsby Town, his former club.

"It is vital we get the right man to replace Alan," Hale said. "I'm more interested in making the right appointment rather than rushing into a decision." Whoever succeeds Buckley should insist on a long-term contract. West Bromwich have had 13 managers in the past 20 years.

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Forest secure Pearce at least until May

STUART PEARCE confirmed yesterday that he will remain as manager of Nottingham Forest for the rest of the season and indicated that he is prepared to undertake the job in the longer term (Richard Hobson writes).

Pearce met Irving Korn, the chairman of the FA Carling Premiership football club, and presented a range of proposals, including the players he wants to buy and his own remuneration. The directors will meet tomorrow to discuss Pearce's blueprint, although they cannot sanction significant spending because of the uncertainty surrounding the club's future ownership.

"I have put some ideas forward that would see me staying on as manager, but I know there is so much going on at the moment and I do not even know if whoever takes over the club will want me," Pearce said. However, the signs are that shareholders will give the required 75 per cent backing to a takeover bid at an extraordinary general meeting on February 24. The new owners would be brave men not to proceed with Pearce, 34, at the helm.

Since becoming caretaker-manager after the resignation of Frank Clark on December 19, Pearce has led Forest out of the relegation zone with four wins in six matches. His own form has not been affected, and, if he plays against Italy in the World Cup qualifying match on February 12, he will become the first person to represent England while managing a club side.

Pitch invasion brings suspended sentence

BRISTOL City were yesterday given a suspended sentence of the deduction of two league points for failing to control spectators when crowd trouble broke out in a derby match at Ashton Gate last month (John Goodbody writes).

Spectators allegedly attacked Bristol Rovers players at the end of the Nationwide League second division match, which finished 1-1, and pursued them down the tunnel to the dressing-rooms. The sentence, imposed by a three-man FA disciplinary commission, is suspended until December 31. City were also ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry but did not receive a fine.

City have already banned 15 supporters for life after the incident and Scott Davidson, the club chairman, yesterday appealed for supporters to behave. He said: "We are in their hands. Points are hard to come by and we are very keen not to lose them."

Geoff Dunford, the Rovers vice-chairman, said that his club would decide in the next couple of weeks whether to make tickets available for City fans for the match at the Memorial Ground on March 16. He also said that Lee Martin, the former Manchester United defender, was the player attacked by a City supporter. "If we obtain details from the police of the alleged offender, we will advise the player and no doubt he will take advice from the PFA," Dunford said. "As a club, we would advise him if he wishes any action to be taken over the attack."

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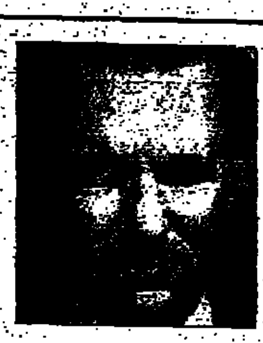

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Investor beats society in court over uncompetitive rate

By Marianne Curphey

A SMALL investor has won an unprecented victory in court against a building society for paying him uncompetitive rates of interest on his savings.

The case at Norwich County Court could open the floodgates for millions of investors to take their bank or building society to court if they feel aggrieved about low rates. It will also force societies to reappraise marketing literature which makes bold claims about prospective investment returns when savers open accounts.

Robert Anthony claimed the Norwich and Peterborough's marketing literature promised his account would pay "a very competitive rate of interest". However he said that over four years the society had failed to fulfil this claim by maintaining an interest rate near the bottom of recognised league tables.

Judge Horrocks decided in his favour and awarded him £285 — a sum equal to the extra interest he would have earned had his money been in an account paying an average rate. Mr Anthony had claimed a society offering a top rate of interest would have paid out an extra £500.

There are nearly 20,000 other Norwich and Peterborough savers in Mr Anthony's position, and in theory all could sue at an estimated cost to the society of £5.5 million.

Four years ago building society investors won a similar victory when the building societies ombudsman ruled the Nationwide should pay compensation to an investor who lost £30 interest when an account became obselete. The Nationwide was held not to have given enough publicity on the difference in rates between its old account and a new one paying more.

The Anthony case involved a Tessa (tax-exempt special savings account) which Mr Anthony opened in January 1992. Such accounts must run for five years to qualify for tax-free interest. In this case the initial rate of interest was higher than average at 12 per cent, but this fell and by January 1995 was 5.7 per cent, putting the society close to the bottom of the Tessa league table.

Mr Anthony said: "I queried the rate of interest on the account after comparing carefully the difference between the rates offered by competing building societies. The money involved is not large, but it is the principle that counts."

The Norwich and Peterborough said that although it believed it had grounds for appeal it had decided not to. "There has been one similar complaint and in that case the building societies ombudsman decided in our favour," it said.

"However, whilst we consider that an appeal would be successful, this could involve our member in considerable costs and, in the interests of maintaining good customer relations, we do not wish to expose him to this risk as a result of a transaction involving such a small sum."

Shares soar in relief at pound's fall

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

SHARES powered ahead in relief over a fall at last in the pound based on growing optimism that interest rates will not have to rise.

Sterling began to fall just as the Chambers of Commerce declared that nearly every company in the country had begun to suffer from the high pound restricting competitiveness.

Shares of leading exporters such as ICI, Zeneca Group and British Steel were among the top performers as the FT-SE 100 index piled on another 52.4 points to close at 4,271.5.

The rally followed a dramatic plunge in sterling after European markets closed on Wednesday. The first real break in what has been the pound's inexorable upward march since last summer coincided with a fresh warning about the damage its strength is wreaking on industry.

The British Chambers of Commerce said that manufacturing growth is now "stuttering" and urged the Government not to raise interest rates. Ian Peters, BCC deputy director-general, said that resisting a further rise in interest rates was important if the manufacturing recovery was not to be "snuffed out". Further rate rises would lead to an even greater appreciation of sterling, he argued.

In European trading on Wednesday, the pound hardly reacted to a fall in retail sales in December, which the City argued had ruled out a rate rise, probably this side of an election. But investors in New York, followed by speculators in Far Eastern markets, used the news to take profits on sterling, which has soared by more than 40 pfennigs against the mark since August. The pound dropped more than six pfennigs from a high in Europe of DM2.7240 to a low in the Far East of DM2.6610 but steadied again in European trading yesterday to close at around DM2.6685. Its index against a basket of currencies closed at 95.8, down from Wednesday's 97.2.

The BCC's warning about sterling came as it announced the results of its latest quarterly business survey. This suggested that, while the service sector continues to prosper, manufacturing is now "rather subdued". The decline in export sales growth in the face of a stronger pound has been particularly marked.

Despite the pound's fluctuations yesterday, the BCC said that its "persistent rise" was "slowly taking its toll on manufacturers' export sales", with a net balance of a fifth of companies now saying their export orders are rising, compared with a quarter three months ago. More worrying still, the survey showed that manufacturers' domestic sales have also stalled.

The BCC said that there had been a "huge" increase in the number of manufacturers identifying the exchange rate as the external factor most hurting their firm.

Service companies, by contrast, saw continuing growth in their home and export deliveries and orders. While service sector confidence was at its highest level since the first quarter of 1989, with a net 64 per cent of firms reporting improved confidence, manufacturing optimism dropped slightly. Job growth in the services is also at its highest since 1989, but employment growth in manufacturing has dropped back from a large rise seen three months ago.

Although the BCC urged the Chancellor to leave rates alone now, it forecast that rates will have to rise after the election, whichever party wins. Dr Peters said the incoming government would have to raise rates "if it is to achieve the inflation target which the current Government has set and which the Shadow Chancellor has said he will want to stick to."

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Cook launches £79m buyout bid

By Fraser Nelson

ANDREW COOK, the chairman of William Cook, has launched an £79.5 million bid to buy the specialist engineering company back from the City and snatch it from the hostile bid tabled by rival Triplex Lloyd.

Steel Castings, a buyout vehicle formed by Mr Cook and Electra Fleming, is offering 425p in cash for each William Cook share, against the 387p at which Triplex Lloyd's cash-and-paper offer now values the shares. It is also offering a cash alternative of 383p per share.

Graham Lockyer, chief executive of Triplex Lloyd, said the developments illustrated how Mr Cook, whose grandfather founded the business 92 years ago, was determined to keep it under family control. He said: "If the company's not in Triplex Lloyd's hands, I suppose he [Andrew Cook] thinks he's saved it."

Under the Takeover Panel's rules, Triplex can now increase its final bid.

Mr Cook has agreed to pay £2.4 million of his personal fortune into the venture, which would take his stake in the firm from 4 to 14 per cent. Electra Fleming is providing £31 million for a 78½ per cent, and the Bank of Scotland has agreed to lend the venture £40 million.

A further 18 of William Cook's managers are being invited to support the venture, in exchange for a 5.75 per cent stake. John Caldwell, the company's financial controller, is paying £500,000 for a 1.25 per cent share, while Roy Henson is paying £200,000 for a 0.5 per cent share.

William Cook's shares were suspended after the news of the buyout leaked out. They resumed trading on the announcement and closed 45p up at 420p — 5p below the buyout offer.

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ANDRÉ CAMARA

George Pope, right, and Ian Homersham, joint chairmen of John D Wood, yesterday

SIB chief will not seek a new term

By Robert Miller

SIR Andrew Large, the City's most senior watchdog, said yesterday that he would not seek a second term as head of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB). He is scheduled to leave at the end of May.

Sir Andrew, 54, who has spent five years as SIB chairman, said that the bulk of the changes proposed in his 1993 review had been implemented. "So this is a logical time for a change of chairman."

He added, however, that the main unfinished piece of business was the unsatisfactory rate of progress on the pensions review."This will be a key focal point for me in my remaining period of office."

With eight years in City regulation, he could look for a high-paid job with a global investment bank. However, he could stay at the SIB helm if Labour wins the general election. The party has pledged to reform the Financial Services Act and the role of the City watchdogs and it could be that he is asked to remain.

Front-line contenders include Phillip Thorpe, head of Imro, Colette Bowe, of the Personal Investment Authority, and Nick Durlacher, of the Securities and Futures Authority. Alternatively, Christopher Sharples, former SFA head, might be persuaded to rejoin.

Traders look for spin-offs from PepsiCo

A SHAKE-UP appeared to be in store last night for PepsiCo's British restaurants after reports surfaced that the US group is preparing to spin off the $11 billion business (Eric Reguly writes).

Demerging the Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Taco Bell restaurants would leave PepsiCo as a snack food and soft drinks group.

The company would neither confirm nor deny the press reports. The shares rose from $32 to $35 before the bell.

The company is one of Britain's biggest employers. The 350 Pizza Hut restaurants, owned in partnership with Whitbread, have 11,200 staff and annual turnover of about £220 million. There are about 400 Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets, about two thirds of which are company owned, with some 6,500 staff.

City bonuses stoke luxury home market

By Fraser Nelson

HEFTY bonuses for City brokers are helping to fuel house prices in central London, according to John D Wood, the estate agent.

George Pope, its joint chairman, said demand from the newly enriched in the City was making a tangible impact on the market for luxury accommodation in London, and on the company, which yesterday returned its strongest interim results for nine years. "We are getting calls from people who have just received a nice fat cheque, and are willing pay an extra 40 or 50 per cent for their house. The problem now is that agents are a bit short of stock," he said.

The average price of the houses sold by John D Wood, the majority for more than £500,000, rose by 20 per cent over the 12 months. It has one property to sell at £16 million.

Nicola Horlick, the fund manager who quit Morgan Grenfell last week, had arranged to move to a £3 million house in The Little Boltons in Chelsea but the move is dependent on receiving her bonus, which is in dispute.

Outside housing, Mr Pope said the agricultural division was also enjoying its strongest demand since the late 80s. "When a lot of money is being made in the City, Brits have a great feeling for the soil," he said. "They are inclined to invest money in land when times are good, and I see no reason why this should cease to be the case now."

John D Wood's pre-tax, half-year profits were £497,000 (£144,000) on turnover of £4.67 million (£3.64 million). Earnings were 6.1p (1.8p) per share, and the interim dividend, due March 5, 1.25p (0.75p).

Sega seeks return of Sonic boom with £3bn merger

By Jason Nissé

Power Rangers to the rescue: Bandai, creator of the Mighty Morphins, is joining forces with Sega Saturn

SEGA, the computer games maker famous for Sonic the Hedgehog, has turned for help to Bandai, creators of the Mighty Morphin Power Ranger toys, in a Y600 billion (£3.1 billion) merger aimed at fighting off the challenge of Nintendo and Sony.

The move follows Nintendo's successful Christmas in the US and Japan with Ultra-64, its new computer console, which is vying with PlayStation, made by Sony, to lead the computer games market.

Sega Saturn, the rival to the two leaders, is seen by industry analysts as a flop. In December, Sega, which made losses last year, lowered its forecast of net profits from Y10 billion to Y5.3 billion.

Yesterday Sega said it was to merge with Bandai, the toy maker that has the best-selling toy in Japan — Virtual Pet, an electronic bird-like creature which dies if it is neglected.

"We would like to become a global, comprehensive, new entertainment company and expand further internationally," said Hayao Nakayama, president of Sega.

However, despite creating a company with annual sales of Y600 billion, analysts in Japan questioned the strategy. "It is hard to see merit in the merger," said Yasuo Imanaka at the Okason Economic Research Institute. "Both companies have problems in similar fields. I don't think the new group can beat Sony PlayStation."

Bandai admitted this month that it has misread the trend for cheaper products in the Japanese toy market, and would make a loss of Y9 billion this year, compared with last year's Y10.5 billion profit.

The launch of Nintendo's Ultra-64 console had a good start in Japan and sold out in the US over Christmas, matching the success of PlayStation. It launches in the UK in March and there is speculation that Sega may close its distribution arm, enabling Bandai, which used to distribute Nintendo, to sell Sega Saturn in the important pre-Christmas market.

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Brent 15-day (Apr)	$22.25	($22.00)

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London close	$349.45	($351.15)

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Old Lady

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Fresh blood

Biotechnology stocks enjoyed a boost after Medeva, the drugs company, announced an alliance with Peptide Therapeutics, a trial of a product being developed with Chiroscience, and progress on a hepatitis B vaccine. Page 29

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Manhattan Loft plans complex at Docklands

By Jason Nissé

A CONSORTIUM led by Manhattan Loft Corporation, the developer of fashionable flats, has put forward plans for a £150 million redevelopment of West India Quay, the London Docklands site that is to be linked to Canary Wharf via a foot bridge.

The scheme includes a 360ft tower housing a 250-bedroom hotel. 300 apartments — 90 of which will be loft conversions — 70,000 square feet of shops and restaurants, a supermarket and a multiplex cinema. It will also feature one of the largest piazzas in the country, which will open out onto the waterfront overlooked by Canary Wharf.

Harry Handelsman, chairman of Manhattan Loft, said the consortium had been talking with a number of operators about the hotel and the cinema complex and had an agreement with one of the big food retailers about operating the supermarket.

The consortium, which includes London & Eastern Properties and Marylebone Warwick Balfour, came together when the London Docklands Development Corporation invited tenders for the regeneration of the site.

The LDDC will now decide whether to give planning permission and is expected to make a ruling by March so that work can begin in June.

Manhattan Loft is also involved in the Riverhead scheme, redeveloping the old Thames Water headquarters on the edge of the City, and the Bankside development behind the new Tate Gallery building on the South Bank.

Liza Bruce surrounded by models when they lobbied a Marks & Spencer meeting after she accused the company of copying her designs

Bank reinforces warning to lenders on standards

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

THE Bank of England has again warned high street banks not to lower their lending standards and store up bad debt and house repossession problems at the next economic downturn.

Michael Foot, the Bank's executive director for supervision, told a London conference that banks may not be able to detect the onset of the next downturn. For example, there was good reason to believe swings in nominal interest rates could be considerably less than they have been over the previous two decades.

The Bank's concern over rash lending decisions and the pell-mell rush to sell home loans by banks and building societies, with attendant cashback and deeply discounted mortgages, has been a constant theme for almost a year.

Mr Foot said: "The bad debt experience of the last three years has been by any standards exceptionally low, and it is exactly at such good points in the lending cycle in the past that credit officers begin to think 'it is always going to be like this?', or, in the worst cases, that they can walk on water."

Mr Foot said that an analysis of 22 bank failures or cases where banks ran into severe difficulties showed that, in 18 of the 22, mismanagement was a cause. In 16 of the 22, poor asset quality, or bad risk controls, was the contributory factor. Poor credit decisions seem to go hand in hand with weak management, he added.

As Mr Foot was expressing the Bank's concerns on bad credit management, the British Bankers' Association (BBA) was unveiling its proposed revision for accounting practice on mortgages by its members.

The association proposes that, in future, its members, which will shortly include the Halifax and Woolwich building societies, be far more transparent in how they treat cashback deals and mortgage discounts in their report and accounts. At present some immediately put their liabilities and costs into their accounts while others do it over a period of time. The association prefers the former method in most instances.

Tim Sweeney, the director-general of the association, said: "The BBA's guidance on mortgage incentives is intended to ensure that banks explain their policy and disclose the amounts involved."

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Bruce M&S swimwear claim struck out

By Sarah Cunningham

MARKS & SPENCER yesterday emerged victorious from its embarrassing legal spat with Liza Bruce, the swimwear designer, after her High Court action against the retailer was struck out.

Ms Bruce accused Marks & Spencer of copying one of her designs and then achieved a publicity coup by having models wearing her swimsuit, which sold at £120, and the Marks & Spencer swimsuit, which sold at £21, parade through the company's 1995 annual meeting. She held up a placard bearing the message: "Spot the difference."

Liquidators of the Liza Bruce company, which collapsed last year owing up to £300,000, were ordered by the High Court last week to give more details on the claim lodged against Marks & Spencer, but there has been no response. The action has automatically been struck out.

Marks & Spencer did not spare Ms Bruce's blushes yesterday. "Marks & Spencer did not 'steal' her 'exclusive' fabric or dip-dye technique. The fabric was actually developed by one of our suppliers and was not exclusive to her." Marks & Spencer said.

"We believe that Marks & Spencer has been made a scapegoat for Ms Bruce's financial problems without her having any real intention of having her claims tested in a court of law and have every confidence that her case would have been defeated had it gone to court," it said.

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Banking sector to create over 400 jobs

MORE THAN 400 jobs are being created in the banking sector, it was announced yesterday. The Co-operative Bank is creating 200 of them in Stockport in its fast-growing phone banking operation. It hopes to recruit mainly from the area's long-term unemployed. Of 200 recruits to the Stockport operation last year, 30 per cent were previously unemployed. Terry Thomas, the bank's managing director, said: "In the present economic climate, highly skilled and well motivated people can find themselves unemployed through no fault of their own." The recruits, who will receive 12 weeks' training, will handle most aspects of customer inquiries, except in a few specialist fields.

Royal Bank of Scotland expects to employ more than 200 people at a new credit card centre at Southend over the next five years. It will run in tandem with an existing site in Southend and is a response to the growth in credit card business. Royal Bank's credit card lending increased 72 per cent to £748 million last year.

Halifax picks Cazenove

CAZENOVE, the broking house, was yesterday appointed joint broker to the £11 billion Halifax flotation, the largest public share offer to date. The Halifax said that Cazenove will act as joint broker, together with Merrill Lynch, to the planned summer stock market debut of Britain's largest building society. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is merchant banker to the deal that will result in more than eight million savers and borrowers receiving free shares worth on average between £800 and £900.

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Celsis in Unilever deal

CELSIS INTERNATIONAL, the microbial testing company, has secured a three-year marketing deal with an arm of Unilever, that will accelerate US sales of systemSURE, its portable hygiene monitor. Diversey, the industrial cleaning company that Unilever bought last year, will combine the marketing of systemSURE with that of its own cleaning products to the food and drinks industry. The monitor tests levels of microbial contamination on the surfaces of manufacturing machinery.

Tax demand poser

MORE THAN a hundred thousand people may not have received vital Inland Revenue documents concerning tax payments due at the end of the month. The demands are the first under the new self-assessment rules. Accountants say about 10 per cent of their clients due to pay tax by January 31 have not had statements. Those who fail to pay tax by January 31 will be charged 8.5 per cent interest, which will accrue daily. Even those who have not had bill notification will have to pay interest.

British Land placement

BRITISH LAND, the property company, is raising $160 million through a private placement of unsecured notes with institutional investors in America. The proceeds have been fully hedged in sterling and will be used for general corporate purposes, initially to repay existing bank debt. The issue of 7.35 per cent unsecured notes, due 2007, through SG Warburg, provided a new source of funds at competitive rates, the company said. British Land shares fell 7p to 518½p.

Japan's surplus falls

JAPAN'S trade surplus fell for the fourth year running in 1996, but a surge in exports to the US indicated that the downward trend was running out of steam. Figures released by the Finance Ministry yesterday showed the trade surplus for 1996 was down 32.4 per cent at 6.7 trillion yen (£33 billion). The surplus with America, a frequent source of friction, dropped 16.5 per cent to 3.55 trillion yen last year. Figures for December showed the overall surplus fell 20.6 per cent from a year earlier.

New project for Ulster

LIBERTY MUTUAL, the American financial services group, is to set up a new company in Belfast to develop insurance software programmes. The £3.5 million project, which is being grant-aided by the Industrial Development Board, is expected to create 124 jobs over the next five years. Liberty Mutual is the first major US financial services group to set up a company in Northern Ireland. The company was involved in a trade mission last year.

Lookers' new look

LOOKERS, the car dealer, is to sell five depots and close down a further two in a bid to reposition itself with larger dealerships more favourable to car manufacturers. More than 80 jobs will be lost at the two depots facing closure, although both these have still to be identified. Pre-tax profits were £8.09 million (£6.39 million) in the year to September 30, and earnings were 15.5p a share (15.1p). A final dividend of 5.4p, due April 30, makes a total of 8p (7.9p).

Ryland turnover rises

RYLAND GROUP, the multi-franchise auto distributor based in the Midlands, lifted pre-tax profits to £2 million, from £1.55 million, in the half year ending October 31, on turnover up from £155 million to £201 million. Volume care sales were up 16 per cent. Earnings rose to 4.72p a share from 3.55p. A change of year-end means there is no interim dividend but a single final dividend of 2.68p a share is planned for the eight months to December 31 (previous total dividend 3.72p).

Parkland lifts interim

PARKLAND GROUP, the consumer and industrial textiles company, is lifting the interim dividend 9.1 per cent, from 2.2p to 2.4p a share, after reporting an increase of almost 39 per cent in pre-tax profits to £1.45 million in the half year to November 1. However, earnings fell to 9.7p a share from 10.2p, reflecting an increase in the number of shares in issue after last May's £7.5 million placing and open offer.

Magnox shake-up to shed workers

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

HUNDREDS of jobs are about to go at Magnox Electric, the state-owned nuclear generator.

Magnox which is seeking to ensure its viability after the demerger of its modern nuclear power stations into the privatised British Energy, has drawn up a survival plan with the aim of doubling operating profits by 2000.

A spokesman for Magnox, which is in talks to merge with BNFL, the nuclear waste reprocessing operation, said that job cuts and other cost-saving measures were essential to restore Magnox's competitiveness with other generators. "We must earn our future," he said. The closure of some generators is possible.

Magnox aims to increase its operating profit to £200 million by the millennium. The generator is saddled with £8 billion worth of liabilities for waste clean-up. The company's performance has recently been undermined by a fall in output caused by temporary shutdowns.

Return to Morgan Grenfell now unlikely, says Horlick

By George Sivell

NICOLA HORLICK, the former Morgan Grenfell fund manager, admitted yesterday that she was not likely to get her £1 million-a-year job back. She said: "It's a bit unlikely I would say. I think I have got to be a bit realistic."

She added: "I think it is a bit difficult now. All the clients have been written to." The 35-year-old mother-of-five has already said legal proceedings were likely to be launched if an amicable solution was not reached quickly.

Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent, has stuck to the Morgan line of refusing to back down in the affair. Mrs Horlick said yesterday: "The lawyers are talking to each other."

She was suspended by Morgan Grenfell on Tuesday of last week and resigned spectacularly the subsequent Thursday night before marching on Morgan's London offices and Deutsche's building in Frankfurt in an effort to put her side of the case. She admitted on Wednesday, however, that she had been in preliminary talks with ABN Amro, a rival firm, until several days before she was suspended.

Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, where Mrs Horlick headed the £18 billion UK pensions fund business, is concluding a report into the affair.

The fund manager said yesterday: "The investigations are frankly irrelevant. We regard the matter as settled."

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'Big Six' accused of acting as cartel

By Robert Miller

THE Big Six accountants were accused yesterday of acting as a cosy "cartel" and of protecting other "negligent" firms to impose standard accounting practices on venture capital deals worth an estimated £2.5 billion annually.

The British Venture Capital Association (BVCA) has reported Price Waterhouse, Arthur Andersen, Coopers & Lybrand, KPMG, Ernst & Young and Deloitte & Touche, to the Office of Fair Trading. It said the firms have agreed to impose standard terms on venture capital companies so that liability on due diligence work — where an accountancy firm is hired to verify financial information about a venture capital company prior to investment — is limited.

The BVCA accused the Big Six of "using their position in this market to try to implement standard terms which would not only be damaging to the venture capital industry, but for UK companies requiring venture capital". The association, which said that some £14 billion has been invested by UK venture capital firms since 1983, believes that the cartel agreement could also affect corporate finance deals and flotation work.

Graeme Robinson, a national corporate finance partner at Ernst & Young, said: "We spent some 18 months consulting on our memorandum with the BVCA. We are surprised at the association's action and refute the suggestion that we have acted as a cartel."

Chief of 3i to take early retirement

By Paul Durman

EWEN MACPHERSON, the chief executive who steered 3i on to the stock market, is to take early retirement from Britain's leading investment capital company.

Mr Macpherson, who was 55 at the weekend, said he wanted to reduce his workload. "I've been running pretty hard for the last seven years, first as finance director and then as chief executive. Running public companies is not like sitting around in the garden."

His five years as chief executive saw substantial streamlining of the business and two large share placings by the banks that were the original owners.

He will be succeeded by Brian Larcombe, 3i's director for finance and planning. Mr Larcombe will take over after the annual meeting in July. Mr Macpherson, who earned £392,000 last year, has worked at 3i since 1970. He has a shareholding currently worth £5.3 million, having exercised most of his options during the past six months.

Although he will not seek another executive role, he intends to carry on working as a non-executive director. He is already on the boards of ScottishPower and M&G Group and is considering another approach. He will also have more time to pursue his hobbies of gardening, sailing and vintage cars.

The company's shares have performed strongly since its 1994 flotation, climbing from 272p to 526½p yesterday.

British target high-rollers on the Strip in ground-breaking deal

London Clubs pulls off Las Vegas coup

By Alasdair Murray

LONDON CLUBS International is set to become the first British gaming company on the "Strip" in Las Vegas — the capital of the world's gambling industry — after signing a $50 million agreement to help toredevelop the Aladdin Hotel and Casino.

The company, which owns the Ritz and Les Ambassadeurs casinos in London, will operate a 30 table premium player facility — aimed at high-rollers — which will be incorporated in the main casino. Gamblers will be able stake up to $100,000 on the tables, while the 100 linked slot machines will offer a potential jackpot of more than $1 million.

The 125,000 sq ft casino is part of a $750 million re-development on the site in Las Vegas Boulevard which will also include a 2,600 room hotel and a separately owned and operated entertainment shopping mall. The redevelopment, which is expected to take two years, is being organised by the family-owned Aladdin Gaming Corporation, which also owns the Bankers Trust building in New York.

Alan Goodenough, London Clubs chief executive, said the site was the best undeveloped location in Las Vegas, situated in the middle of the town next to other famous casinos such as the MGM.

London Clubs is taking a 25 per cent equity stake in the hospitality and gaming operations and the underlying real estate. It will also take a seat on the Aladdin Corporation's board.

The Las Vegas venture continues the London Club's policy of expanding its gaming interests abroad. The company already operates in the South of France and Egypt as well as the Casino du Liban in Beirut, the first casino to re-open in that country since the end of the civil war.

Mr Goodenough added that the company was close to signing a joint-venture with a South African partner to bid for the newly available licences in the South African provinces.

London Clubs will use cash from internal sources to fund the purchase. The company's shares rose 15p to 345p yesterday, a new high.

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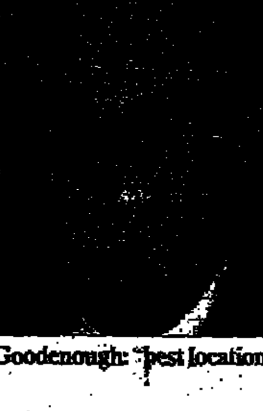

Goodenough: "best location"

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Belgium Fr	57.56	53.46
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Cyprus Cyp£	0.829	0.774
Denmark Kr	10.72	9.92
Finland Mkk	8.48	7.81
France Fr	9.38	8.74
Germany Dm	2.81	2.60
Greece Dr	433	405
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.23
Iceland	120	108
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Israel Shk	5.85	5.01
Italy Lira	2709	2554
Japan Yen	207.80	191.80
Malta	0.649	0.594
Netherlds Gld	3.138	2.908
New Zealand $	2.45	2.26
Norway Kr	11.22	10.42
Portugal Esc	278.00	257.50
S Africa Rd	8.09	7.29
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□ Benefits that come from a hostile takeover □ Big Six agreement under fire □ Fresh outbreak of Japanese video wars

William Cook — The Movie

□ THERE is a *strong whiff of* 1980s Wall Street — the market and the movie — in the attempt by William Cook to evade seemingly inevitable *takeover* by Triplex Lloyd. *Consider this plot:* Small family firm is about to be swallowed by ruthless asset-stripping conglomerate more concerned about profit than the future of the employees.

Energetic, photogenic chairman, in *last-minute* dash around the moneymen, *scrapes together* enough cash and goodwill to fight back. Tearful appeal to shareholders — *some things* are worth more than money. Family honour restored. Cut from shot of angry asset-strippers. Pull back from face of old retainer, tears of joy running down his cheeks, to take in smiling workforce around him. Fade.

Except that there are a few scenes in this script that do not fit into the picture. This has been a particularly badly behaved takeover bid from the start, *no matter* its small size. Cook had been run in a way that contravened every code of corporate governance — five-year rolling contracts, *no* audit or remuneration committees, no finance director — a policy that undermined the share price and encouraged institutions to approach Triplex to bid.

The company has been in trouble before about claims by Andrew Cook, the chairman, that had to be retracted. The terms of the leveraged buyout were available on the streets of *the* capital mid-morning yesterday, prompting an inevitable suspension of the shares. No suggestion that Mr Cook was the *source of the newspaper leak* — it could easily have come from one of the buyout partners. The authorities should find out how the terms got out — *and if anyone* dealt beforehand.

Triplex has the option of a higher offer still, although the board will be cautious because the shares had been falling on concerns that the bid is too high *already. Mr Cook has now taken* his company private, which is where it probably should have been all along.

His backers are taking the view that the 11.3 times' this year's earnings and the 9.4 times' next year's they are paying is a cheap price, if the company can be made to perform.

William Cook has been dragged, kicking and screaming, into the latter half of the 20th *century by a hostile takeover bid*, which is one justification for the existence of such a process. Triplex arrived because the company was undervalued, as it was not seen as run for the benefit of shareholders.

Just one message for Mr Cook, who was known to chafe at the normal constraints of corporate governance. Just see how you *enjoy being run by* a clutch of hard-headed venture capitalists.

Limiting the liability

□ THERE is nothing more cautious than a scared accountant — and the big accountants are truly running scared. Plenty are heading *for Jersey and the warmer* shores of limited liability partnership, which prevents huge payouts should the bean-*counters put* a few *noughts* in the wrong place.

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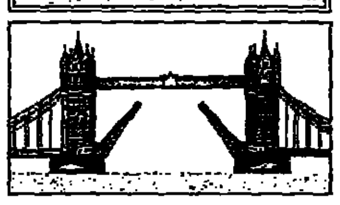

The accountants have watered down the auditor's report in *every set of accounts so it serves* their interests, not those of the shareholders. Time was, the latter could turn to this and see, in simple language, if the books were cooked or not. The new form of words is hedged with escape clauses for *the* accountants that allow them to tiptoe away if the company collapses.

Now the Big Six want to limit *their liability in cases where they* have run their eye over the books in a venture capital deal. In November they asked the Office of Fair Trading to sanction an agreement that limited claims on any one deal to £25 million and introduce proportionality.

This principle requires that in a court case all the parties involved can be sued by any aggrieved party, rather than the whole action falling on the richest. This tends to be the accountant, rather than the vendor who has sold dross as pure gold while keeping his house in his wife's name.

Venture capital is singled out because it is highly risky, and because *deals are often done so* quickly that normal, plodding due diligence procedure is impossible. The venture capitalists complain that the proposed agreement is a cartel, which it is not under any normal definition.

It is another clear attempt by big accountants to limit their liabilities, even if only 46 of the 560 management buy-outs in *1995 were big enough to exceed* that £25 million limit. The accountants claim, not entirely convincingly, that higher litigation insurance is *not* a feasible alternative.

They are not saying if they plan to extend the same limitation, if hammered through the OFT, to takeovers or *stock* market flotations, also areas where mistakes can prove expensive in court. But you can bet they are thinking about it.

Sonic on the road to another hiding

□ THE queues are already *forming at the shops for Video Wars III*, the new computer game. The original *Video Wars* pitted Sonic the Hedgehog, flying the Sega flag, against arch enemy Super Mario, from the Nintendo stable. Both managed *to end on top*, by charging more than £40 for each game; the losers were the parents of children obsessed with the things.

Then came Video Games II. Sonic advanced with his new battle console, the Sega Saturn, only to come face to face with the Bandicoot, a small destructive rodent carried by the Sony PlayStation. The Bandicoot was powered by the Formula One Grand Prix game (featuring commentary from Murray Walker) and promptly ran over the hedgehog.

*Video Games III promises a*n even bloodier battle. Super Mario is back with Ultra 64, a success in the US and Japan *which lands in the UK in March*, parents be warned. PlayStation is still powerful. Sonic has turned for help to the Power Rangers, in an alliance between Sega and the toymaker Bandai.

Just one glitch. Bandai is in an *even worse state than Sega. It* has misread market trends and is predicting losses of Y9billion this year. Game to the rat and *the plumber.*

Ford dinosaurs

□ IF WILLIAM COOK looks a rerun of the 1980s, Ford at Halewood is a return to the union *rhetoric of the* previous decade. Workers are "victims" who do not "deserve" to lose their jobs. And their "genuine anger" *is bringing them out on strike.* Oh dear. The Halewood workers would do better to formulate a watertight economic case for keeping *the plant open*. That is the reality of the industrial 1990s.

Medeva alliance with Peptide boosts shares

By Paul Durman

MEDEVA, the drugs company, gave a boost to the biopharmaceutical sector yesterday when it announced a *strategic alliance with Peptide* Therapeutics, a successful trial of a product being developed with Chiroscience, and *important progress on its own* hepatitis B vaccine.

Shares in all three companies rose strongly. Medeva climbed 8½p *to 288p, Chiro*science 9p to 327½p and Peptide 47½p to 289p. Another strong climber was British Biotech, the *biggest* biotechnology group, whose shares closed 21½p higher at 230p.

Peptide has agreed to pay Medeva £1 million for the *rights to develop non-injectable* vaccines for typhoid, flu and travellers' diarrhoea or enterotoxigenic E. coli, the illness that recently caused a *spate of deaths in Scotland.* Peptide expects to spend £1 million on the development work over the next two years.

However, *the City focused* on the 340p a share that Medeva is paying in acquiring a 2.5 per cent stake in Peptide *for a total of £3 million.* Medeva is paying 40 per cent more than Peptide's opening price yesterday.

John Brown, Peptide's finance director, said the price was based on financial modelling of "what we could make this worth". *He added:* "We *think it's a good reflection of* the value in the company."

Medeva said phase 3 trials of Hepagene, its hepatitis B vaccine, confirmed that it was *effective in protecting individuals* who had not benefited from other vaccines. In a 925-patient study, Hepagene produced a *positive response in 80 per cent* of those who received it.

After its recent victory in a patent dispute over Hepagene, *Medeva plans next year to file* product licence applications for both Europe and the US. It will also test the benefits of *Hepagene for high-risk* groups, such as kidney dialysis patients and babies born to chronically affected mothers.

Medeva is also stepping up trials of the improved version of *methylphenidate* that it is developing with Chiroscience. Methylphenidate, a treatment for hyperactive children, is Medeva's best-selling drug.

Methylphenidate is not long-lasting, and teachers are often required to administer the *drug at mid-day. This is un*popular with both children and teachers. Medeva and Chiroscience hope that the single *isomer version will be longer*-lasting and will only need to be administered once a day.

John Padfield, chief executive *of Chiroscience, said the* company may challenge Celgene, a US firm working on the same isomer, and hopefully *establish patent rights over the* isomer, a first for the company.

Menswear mars picture at Burton

DISAPPOINTING news on trading at Burton Menswear punctured an otherwise buoyant report from *its* parent company about sales over Christmas (Sarah Cunningham writes). Burton Group sales in the 20 weeks to January 18 were 11.1 per cent up if its mail order acquisitions, Racing Green and Innovations, are included. *Without them*, sales were up 7.3 per cent. Burton Menswear sales were down, although adjusting for a *reduction in* space *shows* sales slightly up. Dorothy Perkins, Principles, Evans, Top Shop and Top Man were ahead *and taken* as a group, the clothing chains' sales were up 5.4 per cent. Debenhams sales were up 9.1 per cent. *Tempus*, page 30

Morland expands food interests

By Alasdair Murray

MORLAND, the regional brewer, *entered the restaurant* business yesterday with the £32 million purchase of the Exchange Bar Diners chain from Allied Domecq.

The company, best-known for its Speckled Hen real ale, is buying the 24-strong chain to strengthen its presence in the *fast-growing eating-out market.* Morland's main existing food outlet is the Artists Fayre food pub brand.

Morland is also buying 16 managed pubs in London and the South East from Whitbread for £3.4 million. *It is raising £22.2 million* via a rights issue, offering one new share for every six existing shares at 500p. Morland *shares fell 2½p, to 585p.*

The chain of Exchange Bar cafés made an operating *profit before financing costs of* £2.3 million on total sales of £19.1 million in the year to August 31. Ian Jones, who *helped to found the chain* when he worked at Allied Domecq, will become operations director. Three of the bar *restaurants will be converted to* Morland's other brands, with one existing Morland's outlet converting immediately to the Exchange brand.

Allied Domecq said that it had decided to sell the Exchange Bar chain because it did not form part of its core *pub-development strategy.* Its shares jumped 10p to close at 423½p after positive comment from analysts.

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Protest over Airtours scheme fails

DAVID CROSSLAND, chairman of Airtours, yesterday defended the company's *controversial* decision to introduce a new incentive plan without shareholder approval *and was backed by investors* for his stance (Jason Nissé writes).

A move led by Pirc, the *corporate governance lobby* group, to vote against adoption of the Airtours accounts in protest at the move, was heavily defeated.

Mr Crossland said Airtours needed to ensure it kept 45 key executives at a time when First Choice, a competitor, was trying to strengthen its management. Airtours bookings were 10 per cent ahead of last year, he added.

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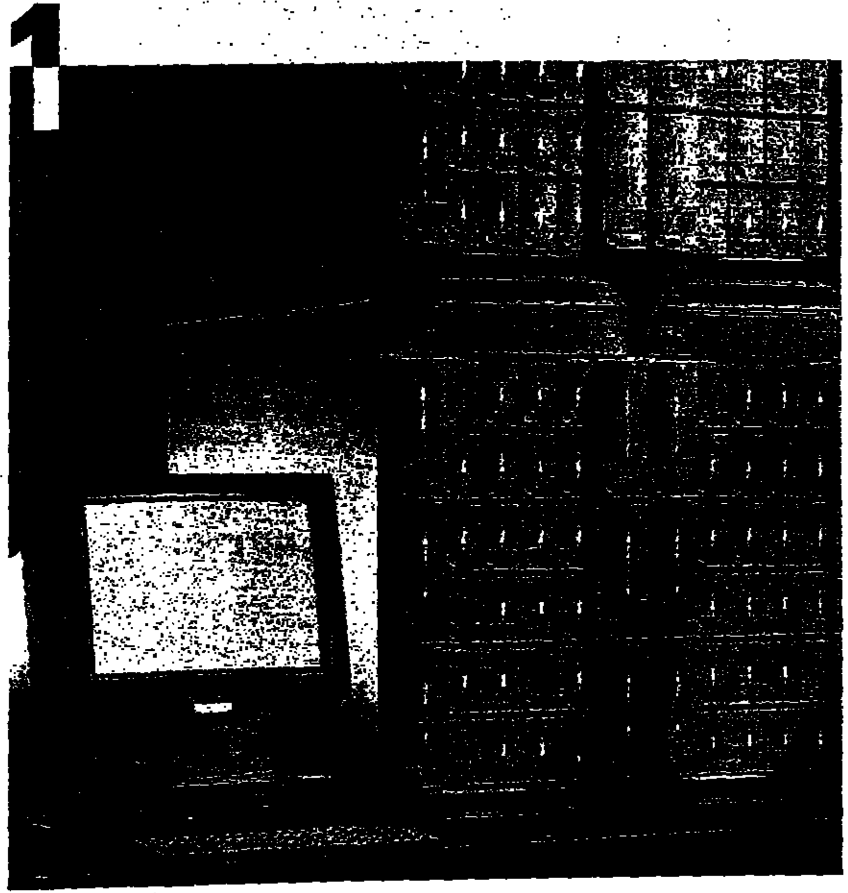

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares soar as exporters welcome fall in sterling

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

David Brown, chief executive, left, and Michael Ransom, of William Ransom, saw a good first half put 5½p on the shares

THE fall in sterling was warmly greeted by Britain's big overseas earners and exporters, helping share prices rise to their highest levels ever.

Supported by a near 50-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average in early trading, the FT-SE 100 index raced ahead to reach a new intra-day high of 4,273.4. It closed just a shade below its best with a rise of 52.4 at 4,271.5.

A total of 884 million shares changed hands, but trading conditions were described as thin with stock shortages influencing many of the movements among leading companies.

Earlier this week investors responded positively to evidence of a lack of inflationary pressures with the fall in December's retail sales. Without the prospect of an imminent rise in interest rates, the pound lost ground on the foreign exchanges, much to the relief of overseas earners and exporters which have found themselves increasingly less competitive and suffering currency losses.

Those to benefit from sterling's relapse included **Grand Metropolitan**, 13½p to 463p, **Smiths Industries**, 19½p to 774½p, **British Steel**, 3¾p to 152¾p, **Reuters**, 16p to 700p, **Siebe**, 21p to £10.05, and **Unilever**, 21p to £13.75½.

A combination of currency factors and corporate news focused attention back on the drugs sector. **Medeva** rose 8½p to 288p after encouraging clinical trials for its hepatitis "B" treatment and plans to inject £3 million into **Peptide Therapeutics**. It is also transferring the rights relating to non-injectable vaccine delivery technology to the company. In addition, Peptide will pay Medeva £1 million now and a further £1 million if certain development work is carried out. Peptide was 47½p stronger at 289p.

Chiroscience rose 9p to 327½p after announcing plans to take its D2785 product into full clinical development with the support of Medeva.

Other companies to go better in the sector included **British Biotech**, 22p to 230p, **Celltech**, 20p to 640p, **Scotia Holdings**, 15p to 705p, and **Xenova Group**, 27½p to 267½p. The weaker pound lifted **Glaxo Wellcome** 32½p to 956½p while a "buy" note from Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, was good for **SmithKline Beecham**, up 36½p at 880p, and **Zeneca**, 51p at £17.23½.

William Ransom, whose chairman is Michael Ransom, was a firm market, adding 5½p at 64p on the back of some bumper interim figures and encouraging comments about current trading. The toiletries and cosmetics and beverages supplier lifted pre-tax profits from £337,000 to £402,000 with a 10 per cent increase in the dividend.

Utilities were dragged higher by the market and stock shortages. There were gains for **Anglian Water**, 11½p to 626½p, **Hyder**, 6½p to 800p, **South West Water**, 7½p to 663½p, **Wessex**, 10½p to 387p, **PowerGen**, 16p to 662p, **ScottishPower**, 12p to 376p, and **Scottish Hydro**, 9½p to 348½p.

The boost to total sales of 11.1 per cent at **Burton Group** in the 20 weeks to January 18, failed to impress the City, with the price retreating 6¾p to 155p. Sales of menswear was especially disappointing.

J Sainsbury rose 5p to 392p ahead of today's trading statement. Brokers will want to know if the company has been able to make up some of the lost ground on Tesco. The latest AGB Research survey of supermarket chains shows Tesco, 2p easier at 368p, still holding on to the top slot. Nick Bubb, retail specialist at MeesPierson, is looking for a 4 per cent increase in like-for-like sales, way below the better than expected 8.1 per cent increase in sales reported by Tesco on Monday. Meanwhile **Safeway** fell 8p to 402½p, **Asda** 1¾p to 124¼p and **Iceland** 2p to 91½p on reports that BZW had turned bearish of the food retailers.

News of a management inspired counter-bid lifted **William Cook** 45p to 420p after a brief suspension. Andrew Cook, chairman of the castings group, has arranged financing through Electra Fleming, the venture capitalist, for an £80 million bid valuing William Cook at 425p a share. The Cook board has been fighting off an unwanted £74.8 million bid from **Triplex Lloyd**, 2p firmer at 190p.

Ryland Group, the vehicle distributor, retreated 12p to 88½p after abandoning bid talks. It announced two weeks ago that it had received a bid approach, but has decided it is in shareholders' best interests to remain independent. The group intends to pay a dividend for the year of 2.8p.

Also among the motor distributors, the family-run **Alexanders Holdings** touched a peak of 21½p on revived bid speculation before reacting to close all-square at 18½p. The "A" shares firmed another ½p to 18½p. The speculators suggest an agreed bid of at least 30p a share will be needed to win the day.

Some encouraging comments about current trading lifted **Airtours** 7½p to 854p. David Crossland, chairman and chief executive, said all the group's major markets were showing an improvement over last year.

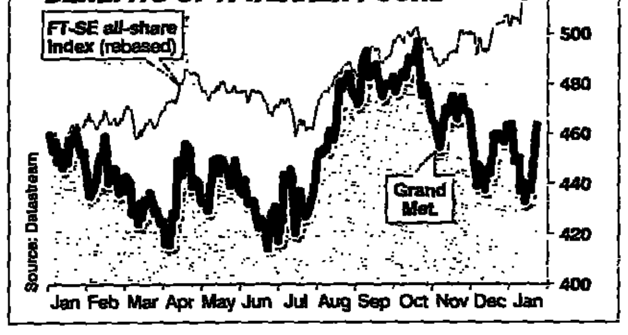
Shield Diagnostics fell 7½p to 130½p after warning that losses for the current year were likely to be larger than the market has been braced for due to a shortfall in sales.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The weaker pound and profit-taking had an adverse impact on bond prices.

The March series of the long gilt ended £$\frac{5}{16}$ easier at £111$\frac{5}{16}$ as the total number of contracts completed dropped to 64,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was seven ticks off at £104$\frac{3}{8}$, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost £$\frac{3}{16}$ at £103$\frac{19}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares continued their upward momentum on the back of good earnings reports and steady bonds. IBM bounced back after its fall in the previous session. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 35.41 points higher at 6,885.44.

Williams Holdings rose 7p to 334p on a "buy" recommendation from BZW, which claims that after recent weakness the shares look good value. The sale of building products removes much of the low-growth, non-core activities. *The rest of the business should help to produce profits growth of at least 10 per cent per annum.*



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	6885.44 (+35.41)
S&P Composite	791.85 (+5.62)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	17909.46 (-104.42)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	13610.33 (-82.46)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	685.02 (+3.74)

Sydney:

AO	2434.5 (+1.0)

Frankfurt:

DAX	3033.46 (+4.79)

Singapore:

Straits	2248.34 (+8.33)

Brussels:

General	11438.59 (+132.13)

Paris:

CAC-40	2461.25 (+18.79)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	895.80 (+5.20)

London:

FT 30	2865.8 (+23.3)
FT 100	4271.5 (+52.4)
FTSE Mid 250	4616.0 (+29.0)
FTSE 350	2115.8 (+23.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2052.99 (+5.45)
FT All-Share	2087.11 (+21.84)
FT Non Financials	2146.10 (+22.36)
FT Fixed Interest	118.00 (+0.20)
FT Govt Secs	95.17 (-0.18)
Bargains	47690
SEAQ Volume	885.1m
US$	1.6278 (-0.0261)
German Mark	2.6685 (-0.0457)
Exchange Index	95.8 (-1.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.3723
£:SDR	1.1798
RPI	154.4 Dec (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	154.2 Dec (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aquarius	174½		...
BZW Endowment Red	57½	+	¼
Cadcentre	267½		...
Enterprise Vent Cap	89½		...
Epicore Network	55		...
GB Railways	262½	+	6
Hardy Underwrtg	170		...
Netcall	45½		...
Oxford Biomedica	55½	–	2
Parkwood Holdings	74½		...
Pilat Technologies	57½		...
Sheffield United	103	–	1½
Sunderland	742½		...
Sutton Harbour	133½		...
Wst Brom Albion	£235		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ashquay n/p (33)	2		...
Compel n/p (160)	3½		...
Hall Eng n/p (250)	13½	–	2
Pressac n/p (180)	50½	–	2½
Prism Rail n/p (330)	220		...
Shaftesbury n/p (137)	*26*	+	1
Wickes n/p (150)	17	+	½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Saltire	77½p (+15p)
Peptide Thera	289p (+47½p)
Elec Data Process	82½p (+10p)
Xenova	267½p (+27½p)
Amstrad	155p (+15p)
Brit Biotech	230p (+21½p)
Rowlinson Secs	177½p (+10p)
Danka Bus Sys	577½p (+32½p)
Avocet	185p (+9p)
Parity	513½p (+22p)
Glaxo Wellcome	956½p (+32½p)
Adam & Harvey	377½p (+12½p)
AG Barr	398p (+13p)
Celltech	640p (+20p)
Estates Agency	390p (+15p)

FALLS:

Shield Diag	130½p (-7p)
Mid Kent Holdings	537½p (-25p)
WS Atkins	338½p (-13p)
Barratt Devs	275p (-10½p)
Rolfe & Nolan	437½p (-15p)
Osborne & Little	920p (-20p)
Safeway	402½p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Called to account

THE Bank of England is clearly troubled. A week ago, one of its officials chided lenders for urging surveyors to nudge up property valuations and, yesterday, another official was warning bankers darkly about the consequences of aggressive lending. Yet, such gloom seems out of place. The stock market is looking forward to another bumper crop of profits from the big banks: bad loans are still on the wane and mortgage business continues to rise. The Bank of England itself is feeling bruised after some well-publicised mistakes. Could this be the excessive prudence of one caught napping in the past?

The Old Lady deserves more attention. Had banks listened in 1989 when a former Governor warned the market about excessive property lending, a nasty property recesssion might have been less painful. In retrospect, his comments sound prescient but even he was late; the ink was already dry on most of the bad loans.

Today, the retail banks seem to be working to a different strategy: while Barclays in the 1980s was hell-bent on expanding its loan book, the current regime is keen to shrink, not just in closing branches but in shrinking the capital base. Most banks are working with higher solvency ratios than they need and good profitability pushes up ratios every year. In the old days, the banks would throw that capital at new customers but having realised that equity is expensive, they are handing it back to investors. *The risk for the banks is their appetite for acquisitions: using expensive equity to purchase inflated goodwill is a risky strategy but one that bored bankers now seem prepared to contemplate.*

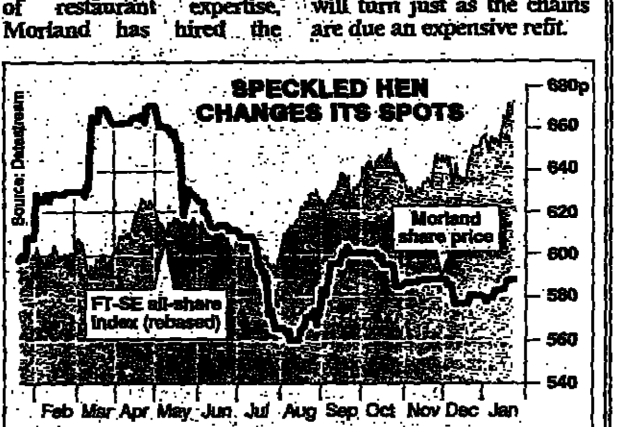
Morland

WILL themed American restaurants stop the Old Speckled Hen from laying? Morland is better known among the country pub and real ale fraternity than among fans of Tex-Mex food in city centres. The Oxfordshire brewer has worked hard to jazz up its image and believes that it can do more than brew the beer.

There was always the risk that diversification would lead to Morland paying too much for a restaurant chain. But yesterday's purchase of the 24 Exchange Bar cafés does not look too dear. Morland is paying £1.3 million a site, *slightly more than the £1 million* Whitbread paid for the Pelican chain, although the sites are larger, on average. Valued on historic earnings, however, it looks cheaper, Morland benefiting from Allied's inability to grow the chain itself.

Morland now controls several themed chains, including the Newt & Cucumber and Wig & Pen. *Adding the* Exchange increases the group's food through-put and its range in a bubbling market. To make up for lack of restaurant expertise, Morland has hired the chain's founder, Ian Jones, to run the business.

Few sectors of the stock market are growing as fast *as restaurant chains but these businesses are not* without risk. Less than five years ago restaurants were going bust for lack of trade. The chances are the cycle will turn just as the chains are due an expensive refit.



Burton

BURTON is a changed company, but in many people's minds the menswear brand still conjures up the image of a clerk in a shiny suit. The new Burton management is wrestling with the problem — in part a legacy of the previous chief executive, Sir *Ralph Halpern — but has yet* to solve it.

A remarkable job has been done at Dorothy Perkins, Principles and Debenhams, but the magic has yet to work its way into menswear. While the clothes range is much improved, Burton has made *a few mistakes. For example,* the youth preference for labels, which has served the likes of JD Sports and even Next so well, is hardly catered for at Burtons.

A winter advertising campaign, intended to promote a sexy image using David Bailey photographs, appears to *have fallen flat. While the strategy is probably correct,* the ads failed to promote Burton products, leaving customers with a somewhat confused message.

The Burton Group's trading statement yesterday was encouraging but, like its menswear, failed to excite. On past performance, the management can be expected to get to grips with the laggard chain, *but it may take longer than had been hoped.*

London Clubs

NOT content with a real Aladdin's cave in Beirut, London Clubs is helping to build an ersatz version on the *Las Vegas strip. Late last year the casino operator re-*opened the Casino du Liban with much fanfare, a symbol of the rebirth of Beirut after three decades of murder and mayhem. With no irony intended, London Clubs yesterday committed $50 million to a themed hotel and casino complex based on Ali Baba *and the 40 Thieves.*

Back in Beirut, London Clubs and its investors hope that players will convert $1 million a night into chips. The venture is a bit of a gamble; the wheelers and dealers of Lebanon are now rebuilding the City back into the business capital it once was. Nevertheless, London Clubs is hedging its bets, restricting *its exposure to that of casino operator.*

Las Vegas is different; if casinos ever deserved their exotic and naughty image, the purveyors of Hollywood schlock have removed all trace. As a form of entertainment, casinos were once targeted at those suffering from *a curious obsession. In Vegas, however, they are theme* parks, designed to appeal to those with a short attention span. The Aladdin casino hopes to achieve the footfall of its rivals — 120,000 visitors a day. At that rate, London Clubs should easily achieve a three-year payback on £50 *million and no need to fear fresh insurgency.*

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Mar	862 SLR	May	973-972
May	885-884	Jul	990-986
Jul	906 SLR	Sep	1007-1000
Sep	925 SLR	Dec	1015 SLR
Dec	943-941		
Mar	960 SLR		Volume: 6933

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1600-1595	Sep	1545-1535
Mar	1570 SLR	Nov	1535-1520
May	1565-1560	Jan	1520-1510
Jul	1560-1555		Volume: 12204

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	294.5-93.0
Spot: 305.5		Dec	297.1-94.5
Mar	295.0-94.6	Mar	299.4-95.0
May	295.6-94.9	May	302.4-96.0
Aug	296.5-96.0		Volume: 3687

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	76.49	140.98	101.90
(+/-)	-5.07	+6.19	-2.07
Eng/Wales:	76.49	141.37	101.28
(+/-)	-5.07	+4.70	-1.81
(%)	+17.0	-14.0	-16.0
Scotland:	unq	139.79	105.10
(+/-)	–	+9.66	-3.08
(%)	–	-31.0	-32.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	23.15	+0.35
Brent 15 Day (Mar)	22.75	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Apr)	22.25	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	24.45	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	23.95	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	218 (+1)	222 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	218 (+3)	221 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	101 (+3)	103 (+3)
Naphtha	222 (+1)	224 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	208.00-08.25	May	191.75-92.00
Mar	204.00-04.25	Jun	187.50-88.00
Apr	197.50-98.00		Vol: 15756

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	22.74-22.76	Jun	21.37 BID
Apr	22.29 SLR	Jul	21.00-21.14
May	21.80-21.86		Vol: 25910

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	90.00	Jan	91.25
Mar	93.00	Mar	92.25
May	95.00	May	92.50
Jul	96.90	Sep	90.50
Sep	91.00	Nov	92.50
Volume: 499		Volume: 104	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	51.0
Apr	56.0	55.0
May	60.0	60.0
		Volume: 63

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 78.00-73.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 97	1400	1396	1400
Feb 97	1355	1340	1360
Mar 97	1410	1383	1410
Apr 97	1445	1425	1440
Vol: 304 lots		Open interest: 3681	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2546.0-2548.0	2267.0-2268.0	160.025
Lead ($/tonne)	699.00-699.50	710.00-710.50	26,775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1124.0-1125.0	1143.0-1144.0	591000
Tin ($/tonne)	5970.0-5975.0	6020.0-6021.0	16790
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1602.0-1603.0	1628.0-1629.0	1694575
Nickel ($/tonne)	7185.0-7190.0	7275.0-7280.0	73440

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom	420	22½	37½	36½	12½	21	25½
(*423½)	460	7	14	20	38½	46½	50½
ASDA	120	8½	11	13½	3½	5½	7½
(*124½)	130	3½	6½	9	9	10½	13½
Boots	600	54½	69	73	5	12	17
(*647)	650	24½	36	42	20	33	38
Br Airways	550	54½	64	72	6	15	19½
(*593)	600	25	35½	43½	23	35½	40
BP	700	53	66½	76	13	21½	29
(*736½)	750	25	39½	49½	35	45	52½
Br Steel	140	16½	19½	20	2	6	7
(*153)	160	5	8½	10½	10½	16½	18
C & W	460	42½	52	59	5½	10½	21
(*488½)	500	19½	31	39	21½	34	40
CU	700	36½	49	53	36½	45½	59
(*700)	750	18½	31	39½	70½	77	89½
ICI	700	58	64½	71½	13½	18	27
(*747)	750	25	36	44½	35½	42	51½
Land Sec	750	53	62	65½	6½	16	19
(*785)	800	20½	30½	36½	23	39½	43
M & S	460	37	45	49	5½	12	15
(*484½)	500	14	27	29½	23	31	34½
Nat West	750	54½	70	78	19½	32½	43
BAA	500	32	41½	47½	9½	18½	21½
(*516)	550	9	17	24	37½	45	48
Thames W.	650	66	75½	78½	5½	17	23
(*653½)	700	31½	42½	47½	21	38	44
Ably Nat	750	46	59	66	25½	37	44½
(*773)	800	22	36	46	58	64	72
Amstrad	140	–	–	–	–	–	–
(unq)	160	–	–	–	–	–	–
Barclays	1150	44½	69½	81	49	60½	72
(*1153½)	1200	25½	49½	62	61½	91	101½
Nat Pwr	500	41	53	55	12	23	28
(*525)	550	17	25½	29½	35	50	55
Glaxo W	950	43	62	73½	37	54	61½
(*957½)	1000	21	37	52½	69½	79½	90½
HSBC	1450	79½	117½	132	60½	94	105
(*1474½)	1500	54½	92½	117½	89½	120	131
Reuter	700	34½	50	60	30	40½	49
(*700)	750	15½	24½	39	61½	70½	75½
Royal & Sun	460	34½	42	54	16½	22	29½
(*465)	500	13½	23	32	39½	44½	51

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BTR	260	11½	18	23	4½	12½	15
(*266)	280	3	9	14	16	24½	25½
Br Aero	1250	52	80	107½	13	36	47
(*1287½)	1300	24	53	81	34½	59½	70½
Br Telcm	420	14	26½	34	6	12	22½
(*427½)	460	1½	9½	16	33	35½	49
Cadbury	460	33½	39½	45½	0½	8½	13
(*491)	500	7	15	24	13½	27½	32½
Guinness	430	27½	34	39½	1	10	14
(*453½)	460	4½	13	19½	18½	31½	35½
GEC	390	23	33½	40	1½	7	14½
(*409)	420	5	16	23½	14	20	29
Hanson	110	13½	–	–	1	–	–
(*130)	130	2½	–	–	8	–	–
LASMO	[illegible]	10½	18½	25½	6	11½	13
Blue Circ	390	19½	23	34	4	14½	19
(*402½)	420	4	13	20	22½	31½	35½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 66581	Mar 97	4235.0	4282.0	4230.0	4278.0	16732
	Jun 97				4297.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 5762	Mar 97				4660.0	0
	Jun 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 436017	Mar 97	93.66	93.68	93.64	93.65	9545
	Jun 97	93.43	93.44	93.41	93.41	15682
	Sep 97	93.18	93.22	93.17	93.18	12758
Three Mth Euro Yen	Jun 97	99.41	99.41	99.41	99.41	535
	Sep 97	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	200
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1149258	Mar 97	96.95	96.94	96.91	96.91	31322
	Jun 97	96.93	96.93	96.90	96.91	29121
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 170152	Mar 97	111-17	111-22	111-05	111-10	58771
	Jun 97	110-25	110-25	110-25	110-25	6
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 97	125.66	125.90	125.62	125.79	2250
	Jun 97	124.30	124.41	124.30	124.34	198
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 234005	Mar 97	101.44	101.76	101.38	101.60	183039
	Jun 97	100.64	100.77	100.64	100.70	331
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 33007	Mar 97	96.03	96.06	96.01	96.03	2367
	Jun 97	96.12	96.12	96.09	96.09	1217
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 75806	Mar 97	98.21	98.21	98.14	98.15	7890
	Jun 97	98.16	98.16	98.08	98.09	8098
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 116483	Mar 97	131.77	132.38	131.52	132.00	65107
	Jun 97	131.20	131.80	131.09	131.53	4092

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible] . Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth: [illegible] .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6 , close 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.34	n/a	5.41	5.54	5.82
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $349.40-349.70 Close: $349.20-349.70 High: $350.40-350.90
Low: $346.00-346.50 AM: $349.50 PM: $348.00

Krugerrand: $348.75-350.75 (£214.00-216.00)

Platinum: $355.85 (£218.25) Silver: $4.94 (£2.965) Palladium: $120.75 (£74.00)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9906-3.0107	2.9906-2.9967	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	54.944-55.280	54.944-55.036	17-12pr	47-40pr
Copenhagen	10.175-10.228	10.175-10.193	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0181-1.0222	1.0181-1.0199	6-3pr	13-7pr
Frankfurt	2.6670-2.6769	2.6670-2.6693	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	*265.77-267.43*	*265.77-266.06*	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	224.22-224.57	224.36-224.52	4-6ds	13-31ds
Milan	2606.0-2616.5	2606.0-2608.1	19-34ds	47-69ds
Montreal	2.1813-2.1920	2.1833-2.1852	0.10-0.55pr	1.17-1.08pr
New York	1.6275-1.6348	1.6275-1.6283	0.113-0.092pr	0.30-0.27pr
Oslo	*10.676-10.757*	*10.744-10.757*	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.9928-9.0410	8.9928-8.9996	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.756-11.815	11.797-11.815	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	194.34-194.80	194.48-194.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	18.762-18.855	18.762-18.780	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.1376-2.3519	2.1376-2.3200	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Australia	1.2963-1.2971
Austria	11.54-11.55
Belgium (Com)	33.84-33.85
Canada	1.3413-1.3418
Denmark	6.2653-6.2673
France	5.5347-5.5367
Germany	1.6420-1.6430
Hong Kong	7.7390-7.7400
Ireland	1.5970-1.5980
Italy	1602.1-1602.6
Japan	119.40-119.45
Malaysia	2.4875-2.4885
Netherlands	1.8435-1.8440
Norway	6.5918-6.5958
Portugal	163.85-163.95
Singapore	1.4080-1.4090
Spain	137.75-137.80
Sweden	7.2632-7.2707
Switzerland	1.4275-1.4285

Argentina peso*	1.6282-1.6309
Australia dollar	2.1107-2.1134
Bahrain dinar	0.6075-0.6195
Brazil real*	1.7027-1.7071
China yuan	13.342-13.642
Cyprus pound	0.7920-0.802
Finland markka	7.825-7.941
Greece drachma	415.0-422.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.6006-12.6100
India rupee	57.90-58.86
Indonesia rupiah	3832.0-3900.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.487-0.497
Malaysia ringgit	4.0501-4.0543
New Zealand dollar	2.3390-2.3428
Pakistan rupee	64.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.865-5.989
Singapore dollar	2.2922-2.2944
S Africa rand (com)	7.466-7.568
U A E dirham	5.9175-6.0415

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

3i	612	Lloyds TSB	6,700
ASDA Gp	13,100	LucasVarity	7,000
Abbey Ntl	1,700	*Marks Spr*	4,600
Allied Dom	4,500	Mercury Asset	769
Argos	959	NatWst Bk	3,000
AB Foods	339	Nat Grid	8,300
BAA	2,700	Nat Power	4,800
BAT Inds	9,700	Next	759
BOC	477	Orange	5,100
BP	6,100	P & O	524
BSkyB	1,100	Pearson	1,800
BTR	4,200	PowerGen	3,500
BT	*19,500*	Prudential	3,200
Bk of Scot	2,900	RMC	832
Barclays	2,900	RTZ	4,300
Bass	1,500	Railtrack	2,800
Blue Circle	967	Rank Group	2,800
Boots	517	Reckitt Col	1,100
BAe	738	Redland	1,300
BA	2,500	Reed Intl	1,200
Brit Gas	3,500	Rentokil	7,300
Brit Steel	7,900	Reuters	7,300
Burmah Cstl	1,600	Rolls Royce	2,900
Burton	19,700	Royal & Sun	4,600
Cable Wire	14,600	Royal Bk Sct	3,800
Cadbury	5,900	*Safeway*	4,700
Carlton	10,800	Sainsbury	3,300
Cm Union	2,000	Schroders	104
Dixons	4,600	Scot & New	1,300
EMI	468	Scot Power	4,900
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Svrn Trent	1,200
GKN	854	Shell Trans	5,900
GRE	1,200	Siebe	2,100
GUS	6,300	SmKl Bch	6,700
Gen Acc	1,300	Smith Nph	1,500
Gen Elec	8,200	Smiths Inds	2,700
Glaxo Well	8,100	*Std Chartd*	2,200
Granada	2,600	TI Gp	3,100
Grand Met	8,500	Tate & Lyle	2,400
Guinness	8,200	Tesco	8,600
HSBC	1,300	Thames W	1,600
Hanson	10,000	Tomkins	4,300
Hays	930	Unilever	2,100
ICI	2,300	Utd Utilities	1,900
Imp Tob	2,600	Utd News	1,300
Kingfisher	3,500	Vodafone	11,000
LASMO	1,300	Whitbread	1,400
Ladbroke	5,300	Wllms Hld	4,200
Land Secs	1,400	Wolseley	700
Legal & Gn	3,300	Zeneca	1,900

	Jan 23 midday	Jan 22 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	42
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASA	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	34
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	37
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertson's	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Aluminm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alco Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	69	[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	6	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Brands	52	[illegible]
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	63	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	60	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	43	43
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	69
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Prn	[illegible]	43
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	110
Bank of NY	37	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dickson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Brunswick	[illegible]	25
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
CNA Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Can Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	67	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	36
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	55
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Citicorp	115	[illegible]
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Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate-Palmolive	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia/HCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conagra	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	[illegible]	57
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Corning Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Cork	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	84	[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dominion Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Donnelley (RR)	31	[illegible]
Dover Corp	50	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	109
Eastman Chem	54	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	72
Echlin Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elec Data Sys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Entergy	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fannie Mae	[illegible]	[illegible]
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First Union Rlty	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	68	[illegible]
Ford Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gannett	76	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gencorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	62
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	84	[illegible]
Glaxo Wellc ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Heinz (HJ)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	45	45
Hershey Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hilton Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Depot	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Humana	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Illinois Tool	[illegible]	[illegible]
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IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
James River Va	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & Jhnsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Kerr-McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Knight-Ridder	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Limited Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oracle	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Overseas Ship	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Corning	[illegible]	[illegible]
PHH Corp	[illegible]	47
PPG Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
PNC Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
PP&L Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacificorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Telesis	[illegible]	38
Pall Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peco Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney (JC)	[illegible]	49
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	32	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pharm & Upjhn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	74
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Pet	[illegible]	45
Pitney Bowes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PriceCostco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	[illegible]	112
Providian	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quaker Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raychem Corp	[illegible]	86
Raytheon	[illegible]	47
Reebok Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rubbermaid	[illegible]	[illegible]
SBC Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salomon Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schering Plough	74	74
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	41
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sherwin Wllms	55	[illegible]
Skyline Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sprint Corp	40	[illegible]
Stanley Works	39	39
Sun Company	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Microsys	33	[illegible]
Suntrust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Supervalu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sysco Corp	32	32
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tandem Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tandy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Temple Inland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

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It's not the real thing

A FROTH is whipping up between Coca-Cola and an American company that makes automated milking machines. Babson Brothers is expected to throw a huge spanner in the beverage giant's $50 million launch of its new soft drink called "Surge", during the Superbowl XXXI on Sunday.

Illinois-based Babson is claiming that it has held the trademark on the name since 1925, for its milking equipment and industrial cleaning products. It says that the public's health could be at risk, arguing that consumers might confuse Babson's green-coloured industrial cleaning products with Coke's high-caffeine drink that is the same colour...

If a settlement isn't reached today, a judge may issue a temporary injunction, bringing the launch to a halt.

United we stand

CONGRATULATIONS to Sheffield United, née Conrad, which was last night awarded Northwest textile share of the year by accountants Coopers & Lybrand. Could this be the same Coopers & Lybrand which, in 1992, recommended putting Conrad into receivership? Thankfully the advice was rejected. Mike Edelson, the man behind Conrad's recovery, offered to deliver a speech at the award ceremony... Coopers declined.

SO, Nicola Horlick has a doppelgänger. Anyone who saw ITN's interview at Horlick's £1.25 million home in Chelsea might easily have mistaken Superwoman's long-suffering nanny Joan Buckfield for her long-forgotten sister. So the old adage is true after all — people employ in their likeness.

"I would prefer dollars or marks this week"

Branching out

GUILT-RIDDEN executives at Halifax Building Society yesterday launched the first in a series of "Woodland Initiatives". Acutely aware of the number of trees that will bite the dust during the building society's conversion, the Halifax has joined forces with two leading environmental charities to co-ordinate a UK-wide programme of paper recycling and woodland regeneration. Around 30,000 saplings will be planted by the end of March. But what about the postmen? Due to health and safety requirements, they were only able to carry 25 voting packs at a time.

All Heart

CHRIS WRIGHT was out for blood yesterday. The multimillionaire boss of Chrysalis ordered David Prever, one of Wright's radio station hosts on Heart 106.2, to give blood live on air. Wright issued the ultimatum during a visit from the Blood Transfusion Service to the London station's studios. Under the watchful eye of his employer, Prever donated a pint of blood, while Kara Noble, his co-host, fled the building an hour before the end of the show. Wright refused to give blood himself.

– MORAG PRESTON

ECONOMIC VIEW

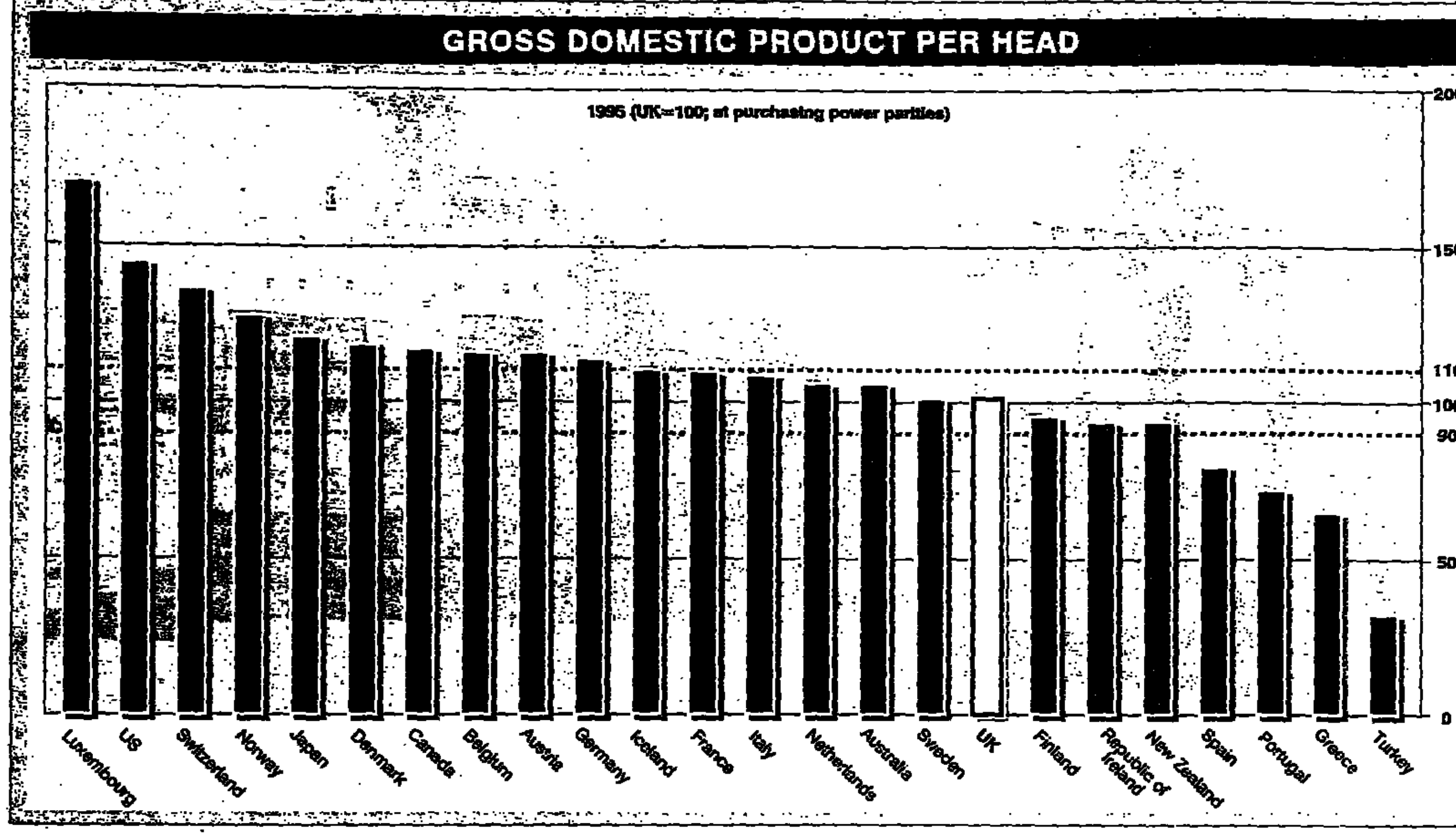
ANATOLE KALETSKY

Controversy conceals a sound agenda

Logic may fare badly in parts of the IPPR report, but it contains some useful insights

Successful businessmen are rarely logical thinkers, especially when it comes to questions of business and economics. This paradox is not as odd as it seems. If you consider the challenge of plying a trade in a huge open market, against thousands of competitors who are generally at least as clever and determined as you are, there is usually one logical course of action: to give up. This is, indeed, the central tenet of market economics. In an efficient, competitive market, it is impossible to make abnormal profits. To succeed in business requires an element of irrational self-confidence, a healthy contempt for theoretical economics and a blindness to obstacles and risks. It also requires a certain intellectual ruthlessness: you do not pursue an argument to its logical conclusion if it goes against your business instinct or the interests of your business might be hurt.

The purpose of this preamble is simply to explain why I was pleasantly surprised by the controversial economic blueprint for Britain published this week by the Institute for Public Policy Research, the leftish think-tank whose public pronouncements are often thought to prefigure the policies that might be pursued by a Labour government led by Tony Blair. The self-styled Commission on Public Policy and British Business which penned *Promoting Prosperity: A Business Agenda for Britain* included no less than nine senior businessmen among its 15 commissioners and the report does contain a number of serious logical flaws. But it also contains some important insights and offers the outline of a sound economic agenda for future governments of either party.



Source: UK Government Competitiveness Report

The first and most important insight is simply that the situation in Britain is neither as good as the Tories are pretending nor nearly as bad as Labour claims. Britain's level of economic development is almost identical to that of most European countries.

Britain is significantly poorer than America, Switzerland and Japan, but most of the other European countries, including Germany, France and Italy, are within 10 per cent of the British standard of living. This is the kind of gap that can easily be closed by a few years of economic growth. The worst that can be said about Britain's present level of economic development relative to Germany, for example, is that it will take another three or four years for Britons to reach the average living standards enjoyed by the Germans today. This gap is not remotely big enough to justify extreme measures to shake up the British economic system, nor to inspire the hand-wringing about Britain's place in the world that remains fashionable among Labour politicians and advocates of monetary union.

To their credit, the authors of the IPPR report do not endorse such unwarranted pessimism. Their proposals for reforms in taxation, education and training, competition policy and corporate governance (which have been described in detail on these in the past few weeks by Philip Bassett, our industrial editor) are modest and incremental. They clearly reject the premise, shared equally by the Labour left and the Euro-enthusiastic Tories, that Britain's economy faces some kind of structural crisis and needs to be rescued by German-style management or some other revolutionary reform.

Even on the question of EMU membership, which the commissioners reluctantly endorse, they rightly reject the bogus pseudo-economic arguments about the costs of currency fluctuations and the futility of running monetary policy at the national level. They admit that the only compelling argument for joining the single currency is political. This is the danger that Britain will be excluded from EU decision-making and the European single market if it stays out. Against this they weigh the political cost of accepting the "entirely undemocratic" framework for monetary policy designed by the Maastricht treaty.

Looking at the commission's microeconomic proposals, there were three themes deserving of special note.

First there is the faith in education, enthusiastically shared by Tony Blair. The commission is right to emphasise that the main failings in the British education system lie at the bottom of the ability scale, not the top. Recreating grammar schools may be popular among Tory voters, but it will do nothing to help the victims of the real education problem: the minority of children who drop out of school unable to read, write and count. The commission is also right to suggest that university students should meet more of the cost of their own education, probably through tax-based loans. Where the commission falls down is in drawing a straight line between education and national economic performance.

The very low scores achieved by American schools in international tests contrast with a strong economic and productivity performance. Meanwhile, Germany's high educational achievements no longer seem to generate superior economic growth. A far more extreme example of the same disjunction is Russia. Logic suggests that the link between formal education and economic performance is tenuous and, at best, extremely long-term. Education, including the high-quality academic research which has recently been grossly underfunded in Britain, as the commission rightly notes, should be seen as an end in itself and not just as a means to better economic performance. The danger of linking education and economics too closely is not only that educational values will be distorted. It is also that other, more important, factors of economic performance will be overlooked. This is a trap into which Gordon Brown has been all too eager to fall, deliberately neglecting the decisive role of macroeconomics and exchange-rate policy in long-term business performance.

In this respect *Promoting Prosperity* represents a significant improvement on much recent thinking, both in the Labour Party and the business community. The report states unequivocally that government demand management, using both monetary and fiscal policy, is a necessary condition for economic stability and business success. It also notes that a competitively-valued currency should be a separate objective of macroeconomic policy, to be achieved if necessary by raising taxes and simultaneously reducing interest rates.

Unfortunately the businessmen's logic fails them when they try to draw concrete policy implications from these admirable statements of principle. For example, while calling for a more pragmatic policy to stabilise economic growth and exchange rates, they also demand more "stickiness in the use of policy instruments" — interest rates and taxes "should not be moved so much". They demand greater co-ordination of fiscal and monetary policy, but simultaneously call for a totally independent central bank. They also shy away from any specific suggestions about the new taxes necessary to achieve their ambitions for a properly funded education system and a new policy mix of lower budget deficits and lower interest rates.

This last lacuna is most striking in the sections dealing with issues of corporate responsibility to "stakeholders" and the alleged short-termism of British business, the Commission rightly gives short shrift to proposals for radical changes, either in the laws governing directors or in the present relationships between companies and institutional investors. However, the report bemoans the concentration of equity ownership in the hands of investment institutions and deplores the strong bias in the British tax system in favour of dividends, rather than profit reinvestment. The logical conclusion would seem to be clear: corporation tax should be reformed to stop subsidising the dividends received by pension funds.

At this point, however, the commissioners suffer from the kind of logical lapse which is all too familiar among businessmen when their corporate interests are involved. Instead of proposing the abolition of dividend imputation, a tax reform that could save the Treasury some £5 billion and potentially pay for all their proposals for education and fiscal tightening, the commissioners shrink back. "Ending the imputation system could arouse opposition in the pensions industry. We certainly accept that a design criterion for any tax change must be that it should not penalise tax-exempt institutions."

Could those two sentences have been written by one of the commission's prominent business members: Sir Christopher Harding, chairman of Legal & General, which happens to be Britain's second-biggest life insurance and pensions group?

Fortunes netted in the soccer club boardroom

Jason Nissé on the football fat cats triumphing off the pitch

Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Italian striker known as the "white feather", is paid £2 million a year by the Premiership's bottom club, Middlesbrough. But this fortune, believed to be the highest salary in British soccer, does not bring success for the team or his loyalty — Ravanelli has been regularly quoted in the Italian press criticising the team and saying it will be relegated.

Envious eyes have been cast towards Ravanelli by those inside and outside the game. But those who think it is only the football players who are making a mint out of the current boom in British soccer are wrong. The place to be is in the boardroom.

Depending on the price at which the City values Newcastle United, Sir John Hall will add up to £120 million to the massive fortune he has accumulated turning slag heaps into shopping centres. His company, Cameron Hall Developments, is expected to retain around 60 per cent of the club after float, with Shepherd Offshore, the old exploration company run by Freddy Shepherd, Newcastle's deputy chairman, keeping about 15 per cent. Contrary to popular belief Sir John has not put a penny into the club since buying control for around £8 million in 1991. But for guaranteeing its debts with Barclays Bank he will end up with a profit of over £100 million.

But Sir John is not the only, or even the biggest, football fat cat. The explosion in value of clubs — whose share prices took the Millwall collapse in their stride — has made multimillionaires out of the tycoons who have bet their fortunes on football.

Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United, must be kicking himself for selling 1.4 million shares at 270p in April last year and another 5.1 million at 450p in the summer. The deals may have netted him £26.7 million, but the shares have since soared to over 700p. His remaining stake is worth £75 million, which is not bad considering he wanted to sell the club to Michael Knighton for £10 million in 1990.

Doug Ellis, known as "deadly Doug" for his habit of sacking managers, has been involved at Aston Villa for decades. But he only gained control in 1982, paying £500,000 for an interest, which has now been diluted to 47 per cent. The share restructuring last year may have technically wrested control from Mr Ellis, but it was structured in such a way as to add to his wealth and he appears more determined than ever to stay in charge. Recently an auction of Aston Villa shares by its brokers, Albert E Sharp, pushed the share price up to £1,200 each, valuing the club at £108 million and Mr Ellis's holding at £51 million.

Ravanelli cannot compete with boardroom earnings

Kremlinologists have spent many hours trying to work out the unusual share structure of Arsenal. Officially David Dein, the vice chairman, owns 29.8 per cent of the club, while his friend, Danny Fiszman, a diamond dealer, owns 27 per cent. However there is double counting as the two are said to be interested in the same 13 per cent stake. Nevertheless, between the two they managed to own a controlling interest in the club now worth £104 million. How Peter Hill-Wood, Arsenal's chairman and a director of Hambros Bank, must be eating his words. When Mr Dein bought his original 17 per cent for a mere £290,000 in 1983, Mr Hill-Wood said: "He must be crazy."

Peter Johnson is also sitting on a tidy profit from his investment in Everton. The hamper magnate bought a majority stake just three years ago for £10 million. Since then there has been a £15 million rights issue, which Mr Johnson underwrote but, given the generous terms it offered, his holding was cut to 70 per cent.

Recent movements in the widely traded but unquoted shares have valued this holding at £103 million. The speed at which Mr Johnson's fortune has soared is matched by that of Fergus McCann and Dermot Desmond at Celtic. The two took control of the Glasgow club only three years ago for £13 million — Mr McCann, a former marketing expert at Pretty Polly, paid £9 million and his Dublin-based partner £4 million. They floated Celtic on AIM and now have holdings worth £58 million and £26 million respectively. Across town at Rangers, David Murray, the Edinburgh-based property and construction tycoon is exceedingly happy with his involvement at Rangers. His company, Murray International, bought an 82 per cent interest in the club for a derisory £6 million in 1988. This week's deal with Joseph Lewis valued Murray International's remaining holding at a mouthwatering £98 million.

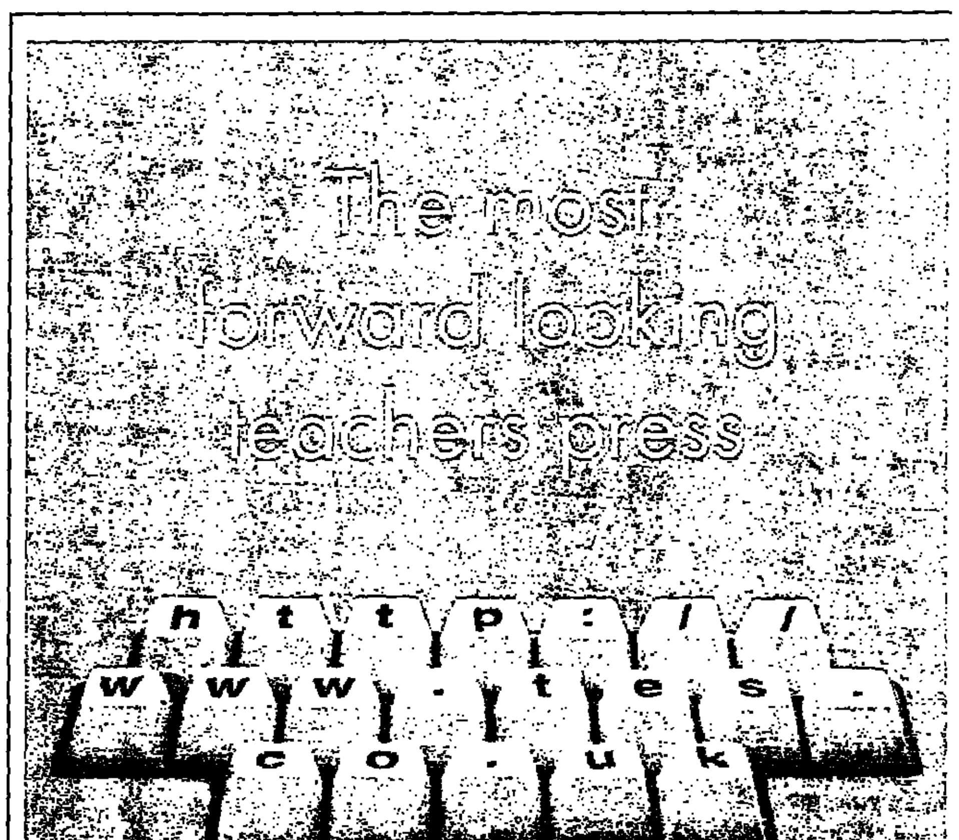
Terry Venables is considered by many to be an astute football manager. But in the finance world he is not renowned for his acumen. When Alan Sugar joined forces with Mr Venables to resuce Tottenham Hotspur, they both put £3.7 million into the club. After they fell out, Mr Venables sold his shares for £3 million. Mr Sugar held on. His stake is now worth £54 million.

The late Matthew Harding was also a shrewd investor. He put £15 million into Chelsea Village, the holding company for Chelsea, last summer and the executors of his estate recently agreed to invest another £4.5 million. The holding is now worth £50 million.

The recent flurry of deals in the football sector has been a boon for many of those involved. When Caspian Group took over Leeds United, Bill Fotherby, the club's new chairman, received £5.4 million for his stake in Leeds, much of which had been granted to him in a controversial restructuring only a year before. In October both he and Robin Launders, the former Manchester United finance director who Caspian tempted over to run Leeds, bought 500,000 shares, each paying £131,000. The shares are now valued at £220,000.

At Sunderland, the main beneficiary of the pre-Christmas float is Bob Murray, the chairman, who has seen a controlling interest he bought for a few thousand pounds in 1986 valued at £24 million. But Peter Reid, the team manager, has also done well, having been given 400,000 shares now worth nearly £3 million.

And finally two tycoons who hardly need to add to their fortunes are Stephen Boler, the kitchens king, and John Wardle of JD Sports, the retailer. They agreed to put £10.6 million into Manchester City at the end of last month. The stake they received for their pains is currently priced at £25.6 million.



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UK Growth Inc	319.10	339.50	+ 1.80	2.46
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Higher Inc Inc	469.40	499.40	+ 1.70	3.85
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	216.20	228.40	+ 0.30	5.35
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.67	100.00	+ 0.11	5.35
Nth America	377.30	401.40	+ 7.30	
Europe	391.40	406.80	+ 6.10	0.14
Intl Excell	97.54	103.80	+ 0.50	2.58
Bal Fnds Acc	124.50	132.50	+ 0.60	4.31
Bal Fnds Inc	83.22	88.54	+ 0.33	4.31
Global Opps	103.10	109.70	+ 2.20	
Balanced Acc	66.08	70.30	+ 0.41	2.41
Balanced Inc	61.70	65.64	+ 0.38	2.41
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Assets & Earnings	323.20	345.70	+ 1.60	2.73
Euro Capital Acc	197.50	211.20	+ 2.50	0.75
Extra Inc	43.02	45.77†	- 0.02	8.00
General	294.30	313.10	+ 1.20	2.79
Global Opps	72.68	77.32	+ 0.57	0.52
Japan	89.22	95.42	- 0.53	
Managed Inc	49.15	52.29†	+ 0.12	4.30
Mastertrust	173.30	185.30	+ 0.90	1.30
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Latin American	64.31	66.83	- 0.45	0.73
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Property Share	80.14	84.14†	- 0.02	2.09
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UK Growth	58.60	61.05	+ 0.35	1.92
Abtrust World Port #	85.49	87.31†	- 0.62	2.85
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Friars Hse Cap	319.57	339.97†		2.33
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Extra Income Inc	27.04	28.47†	+ 0.14	6.97
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Evergreen	32.34	34.58	+ 0.21	..
General Equity	113.67	120.60	+ 0.16	2.62
Japan Growth	38.14	40.57	+ 0.54	
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Preference Share	49.06	51.11†	- 0.09	7.83
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High Yield	147.87	154.05†	- 0.73	5.54
Managed Fund	79.04	82.34	+ 0.51	2.69

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-do- Accum	66.12	70.34†	+ 0.95	0.30
European	159.00	168.50	+ 2.40	0.50
-do- Accum	168.50	178.60	+ 2.70	0.50
Extra Income	407.10	433.40†	+ 2.00	4.45
-do- Accum	656.50	698.80†	+ 3.20	4.45
Financial	186.10	198.00	+ 2.50	0.46
-do- Accum	197.80	210.40	+ 3.00	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.37	68.37	- 0.08	6.65
-do- Accum	100.10	103.20	- 0.10	6.65
Health Fund Inc	278.20	296.00	+ 4.40	
-do- Accum	278.20	296.00	+ 4.40	
Income & Growth	237.20	252.30	+ 1.10	3.61
-do- Accum	383.30	407.80	+ 2.00	3.61
Intl Growth	436.90	464.80	+ 7.00	
-do- Accum	485.20	516.20	+ 7.90	
Japan & Gen	135.40	144.00	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	136.80	145.40	- 1.30	
Monthly Inc #	208.80	222.10†	+ 0.30	4.38
-do- Accum #	210.70	224.10†	+ 0.30	4.38
Managed Port Inc	122.90	129.40	+ 1.20	1.38
-do- Accum	133.50	140.50	+ 1.30	1.38
Quarterly Income #	59.02	62.79	+ 0.23	5.29
-do- Accum #	68.41	72.78	+ 0.26	5.29
Recovery	338.40	360.00†	+ 2.80	
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-do- Accum #	219.60	234.20	- 0.10	4.79
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FP Monthly Dist #	78.43	83.65†	+ 0.02	5.33
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FP UK Focus	44.94	47.93	+ 0.15	1.49
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Cash	311.50	330.50	+ 1.20	1.81
Growth Portfolio	49.84	50.58		4.79
Income Portfolio	91.00	96.81†	+ 1.01	0.13
	75.65	80.36	+ 0.67	2.84

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	171.93	182.17	+ 1.30	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	235.01	250.37	+ 4.54	
North American	348.95	370.06†	+ 5.66	
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Income & Growth #	168.30	177.20	+ 1.30	4.93
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British	131.45	137.65	+ 0.65	1.78
Capital	213.73	223.80	+ 1.53	1.34
Dollar	558.60	584.93	+ 9.54	
Enterprise Gth	455.89	477.18	+ 0.79	0.97
European	290.71	304.41	+ 4.60	0.19
Far East	325.85	341.21†	+ 7.72	0.10
Financial	211.62	212.11	+12.07	1.46
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.62	27.69†	+ 0.11	6.61
High Yield #	117.72	123.27	+ 0.33	4.75
Income & Growth #	174.13	182.33	+ 0.50	3.47
International	298.74	310.72	+ 3.36	0.28
Japanese General	167.58	169.20†	+ 0.62	..
Japan Tech	72.90	76.34†	+ 0.85	
Nat Resources	79.48	83.20	- 0.69	0.64
Portfolio	88.98	93.17	+ 0.52	1.06
Special Sits	225.98	236.63	+ 0.32	..
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Income #	680.50	726.30†	+ 2.80	5.37
UK Growth	756.70	807.60	+ 3.20	1.40
High Income #	122.30	130.40†	+ 0.40	5.36
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	680.09	715.60	+ 8.80	0.24
European Gwth	156.80	166.70†	+ 2.20	0.14
Japan Gwth	218.00	231.80	+ 0.20	
Japan Smll Cos	25.90	27.64	+ 0.07	
Asian	67.34	71.67†	+ 0.91	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	94.97	101.40	+ 2.49	
Hong Kong Gwth	181.50	193.50	+ 1.30	0.94
Global Bond	21.33	22.41†	+ 0.26	4.98
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	179.80	180.50†	+ 1.00	3.08
Trust Index	137.40	140.80	+ 0.28	2.00
THE FOOTSIE FUND	70.27	70.62†	+ 0.46	2.74
Index Funds-International				
America Index	316.30	317.90	+ 5.60	0.65
Eurotrack 100	210.20	211.30	+ 3.30	1.36
Japan Index	59.82	60.12	+ 0.14	0.12
Tiger Index	197.30	202.30	+ 1.60	0.14
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	54.16	56.39		1.13
General Funds				
Managed Dist	93.01	96.84		1.28
Managed	95.94	99.89		1.28
Rupert Child Fnd	110.60	115.20		1.90
UK Growth	76.60	79.75		1.65
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	92.84	96.65†		5.26
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.20	28.09†		7.96
UK Inc & Gwth	52.09	54.23		2.10
UK Income #	405.80	422.30		4.04
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	67.80	70.21		
Amer Smlr Cos	168.60	175.50		
-do- Accum	170.40	177.40		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	82.97	88.27	- 0.21	..
Master Trust	70.98	75.52	+ 0.90	1.34
-do- Accum	81.97	87.21	+ 1.05	1.34
Millennium Acc	100.60	107.10		2.21
N American Gen	272.30	289.70	+ 4.30	..
-do- Accum	315.10	335.30	+ 4.90	
N Am Sm Co Rec	202.90	215.00	+ 3.90	
-do- Accum	207.00	220.30	+ 4.00	
Pacific Basin	267.20	284.30	+ 1.60	0.04
-do- Accum	284.60	302.80	+ 1.70	0.04
Safety First Acc	97.18	102.30	+ 0.30	2.20
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	98.25			
Small Cos Rec	352.78	392.40	+ 0.80	1.69
-do- Accum	777.30	818.30	+ 1.10	1.69
UK Eq Gth	177.29	188.60	+ 0.59	2.32
UK Eq Inc	138.10	147.00	+ 0.10	3.53
UK Growth	113.40	120.70†	+ 1.50	1.60
-do- Accum	143.50	152.70	+ 2.00	1.60
Worldwide Gth	358.70	381.60	+ 3.80	0.29
-do- Accum	530.60	564.50	+ 5.60	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	94.97	101.39	+ 1.46	0.60
General	114.38	122.12	+ 0.35	2.97
Income	78.32	84.03	+ 0.15	5.50
International	74.69	80.14	+ 0.77	0.50
Japan	44.71	47.97	+ 0.30	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	78.62	84.35	+ 0.50	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	565.70	597.40	+10.40	0.33
-do- Accum	708.10	747.80	+13.00	0.33
Amer Recovery	655.30	693.00	+ 9.90	0.03
-do- Accum	757.80	801.50	+11.50	0.03
Amer Smlr Cos	179.40	189.70†	+ 4.50	
-do- Accum	183.30	193.80†	+ 4.70	..
Australasian	220.80	232.70	+ 1.20	1.95
-do- Accum	278.30	292.30	+ 1.50	1.95
Capital	1035.30	1094.00	+ 3.70	2.76
-do- Accum	1236.30	1307.20	+ 4.40	2.76
Charifund	624.60	632.90	+ 4.90	5.52
-do- Accum	4305.20	4351.30	+20.80	5.52
Commodity	496.50	525.50	+ 3.50	0.22
-do- Accum	734.80	777.10	+ 5.20	0.22
Compound Gth	1175.10	1242.70	+ 5.60	2.61
-do- Accum	1298.10	1372.50	+ 6.30	2.61
Corporate Bond	28.43	28.53†	+ 0.05	7.20
Dividend	45.10	48.70	+ 0.20	4.61
-do- Accum	208.90	221.10	+ 0.80	4.61
Equity Income	352.20	373.50	+ 0.70	5.43
-do- Accum	489.80	517.90	+ 0.90	5.43
Euro & General	663.60	701.80†	+10.30	0.56
-do- Accum	852.30	901.40†	+13.20	0.56
Euro Dividend	85.80	90.50†	+ 1.20	3.85
-do- Accum	109.80	116.20†	+ 1.60	3.85
Euro Smlr Cos	53.80	56.90	+ 0.80	0.50
-do- Accum	50.90	56.90	+ 0.80	0.50
Extra Yield	494.00	522.40	+ 2.10	4.86
-do- Accum	1670.80	1767.10	+ 7.20	4.86
Fund of Inv Tsts	751.40	794.80	+ 5.70	1.81
-do- Accum	1451.80	1535.10	+11.10	1.81
General	72.70	76.90†	+ 0.40	3.79
-do- Accum	218.10	230.90†	+ 1.30	3.79
Gilt Income	63.91	64.01	- 0.06	6.70
-do- Accum	196.80	196.90	- 0.24	6.70
Gold	68.20	72.16†	- 0.30	0.42
-do- Accum	81.90	86.60†	- 0.30	0.42
High Income	35.00	37.00†	+ 0.20	4.54
-do- Accum	152.30	161.00†	+ 0.50	4.54
Intl Growth	92.40	97.70	+ 1.40	0.71
-do- Accum	163.50	173.00	+ 2.00	0.71
International Inc	115.90	122.60	+ 1.70	4.31
-do- Accum	186.00	196.70	+ 2.70	4.31
Japan & Gen	31.70	33.40	+ 0.30	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	143.10	152.20	+ 0.80	1.29
European Growth	138.60	147.20	- 0.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	103.40	109.70	- 0.10	5.06
Income	111.50	118.80	+ 0.50	2.15
Japan Growth	38.54	40.85	+ 0.80	
Managed	87.75	93.35	+ 0.49	1.88
Money Market	97.01	102.09	...	3.91
North American	117.30	124.80	+ 0.50	0.36
Midland PSMICS Unit Trust				
British	129.80	138.10	+ 0.80	1.28
European Growth	130.30	138.20	- 0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.40	103.50	- 0.10	5.89
Income	109.60	116.60	+ 0.50	2.20
Japan Growth	38.46	40.76	+ 0.59	...
Managed	83.82	89.17	+ 0.47	1.85
Money Market	89.41	94.77	+ 0.09	3.89
North American	105.10	112.50	+ 0.50	0.43
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	128.60	136.80	+ 0.80	1.28
European Growth	127.60	135.30	- 0.80	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	87.22	92.60	- 0.10	5.94
Income	106.20	113.00	+ 0.50	2.26
Japan Growth	39.51	41.85	+ 0.61	..
Managed	86.27	91.78	+ 0.46	1.89
Money Market	81.05	85.91	+ 0.02	4.05
North American	119.00	126.10	+ 0.60	0.32
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	512.60	544.50†	+ 8.30	...
European Gth Inc	610.80	651.10†	+11.00	
-do- Accum	617.40	658.20†	+11.20	
Intl Gwth	237.40	251.50	+ 2.50	..
UK Equity Inc	237.80	253.60	+ 1.20	3.63
Do. Accum	324.50	345.90	+ 1.50	3.63
UK Ind Trck Inc	208.10	221.90	+ 1.20	2.93
-do- Accum	257.50	274.60	+ 1.60	2.93
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	307.70	325.70	+ 5.80	0.72
Japan Tracker	56.07	59.13	+ 0.14	..
Asian Tracker	238.60	257.00	+ 3.30	0.15
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	196.60	209.60†	+ 1.40	1.90
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	215.70	230.00†	+ 1.50	1.90
Deposit Inc	100.12	100.12†	+ 0.01	5.58
Europe	275.60	285.60	+ 7.50	
Growth	230.40	248.87	+ 0.80	2.28
High Income	20.76	22.03†	+ 0.04	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	114.80	117.30	+ 0.80	1.66
Acumen Inc	104.10	106.30	+ 0.70	1.66
Acumen Income	98.64	99.69†	+ 0.39	6.84
-do- Inc	75.16	75.93†	+ 0.38	6.84
American Growth	76.57	78.44	+ 1.20	..
Equity Income #	111.40	114.30†	+ 0.30	4.17
European	86.19	87.89	+ 0.92	0.25
Smaller Cos	98.80	103.80	- 0.30	1.13
W'wide Eqty	81.37	83.06	+ 0.82	...
Global Bond	42.63	43.08	+ 0.45	5.25
UK Growth	123.10	128.50	+ 0.39	1.16
Pacific Growth	131.60	135.80	+ 1.40	0.33
Japan Growth	81.06	82.17	- 0.33	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 016				
Assn Equity	158.11	168.20	+ 1.15	2.51
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8282				
UK Growth	96.73	102.90†	+ 0.38	2.01
UK Income	135.00	143.60	+ 0.09	4.10
Higher Income	261.50	278.18†	+ 1.40	4.12
Smaller Cos	111.50	118.60	+ 0.40	1.38
International	116.30	123.60	+ 0.90	1.38

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.20	170.40	- 0.10	1.29
-do- Accum	178.70	190.10	- 0.10	1.29
Technology	742.30	789.70	+ 4.70	...
UK Blue Chip	94.50	100.50	+ 0.58	2.94
-do- Accum	110.70	117.70	+ 0.70	2.94
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dealing: 0345 535505 Client Enq: 0345 535506				
Managed Tst	47.31	49.03	+ 0.32	1.59
Cash Haven Inc	101.64	102.13	+ 0.01	4.78
Cash Haven Acc	120.29	120.87	+ 0.02	4.78
Dist Trust Inc	110.37	114.37†	+ 0.37	5.42
Dist Trust Acc	126.93	131.53	+ 0.38	5.42
Global Growth	109.75	116.76†	+ 0.86	1.14
Equity Inc	96.38	101.47	+ 0.15	4.35
Equity	949.29	1010.09	+ 5.73	2.73
European	280.46	298.38	+ 3.42	0.76
High Income	97.98	104.23†	- 0.43	4.65
Intl Gth	229.22	243.85†	+ 2.41	0.93
Intl Sm Co	99.21	105.54	+ 1.14	0.45
Japanese	163.57	172.72	+ 0.64	...
Mgd Income Tst #	48.65	50.00		7.50
ND Amer	262.79	272.29	+ 4.07	1.28
Pacific Mkts	121.30	125.70†	+ 1.25	0.50
Premier Inc	48.87	50.65†	- 0.12	6.55
Sm Cos	117.03	124.50	+ 0.23	1.69
Spec Sits	136.46	145.17†	+ 0.78	2.60
UK Growth	168.39	179.63	+ 1.07	2.23
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 497 5965				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	90.88	95.56	+ 0.46	3.59
Investment Trust	121.66	127.93	+ 0.81	0.59
UK Smaller Cos	120.32	126.52†	+ 0.37	1.35
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	361.40	383.30	+ 1.50	3.89
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1600				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	721.12	765.70	+ 7.27	..
America (Acc)	844.93	897.18	+ 8.52	..
Amer Smlr Cos	85.23	89.53	+ 0.44	..
Asia	57.98	61.18	+ 0.59	..
European	440.06	468.50	+ 4.30	0.23
Japan	183.87	195.38	+ 0.34	..
Jap Smlr Cos	31.61	33.75	+ 0.30	..
Major UK Cos	128.30	138.58†	+ 0.58	1.59
Smlr UK Cos	435.98	474.95	+ 0.33	0.95
UK Equity Inc #	198.17	211.59	+ 0.42	4.18
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	53.76	56.14†	+ 0.25	
Cash	48.15	50.14†		2.84
Emerging Mkts	58.63	62.07†	+ 0.52	...
Europe	65.03	67.91†	+ 0.98	..
Global Fixed Int #	49.90	52.11†	+ 0.19	5.34
Japan	33.85	35.35†	+ 0.38	...
North America	72.86	76.09†	+ 0.70	
UK	69.89	72.98†	+ 0.32	0.49
UK Equity Inc #	65.35	68.25†	+ 0.33	3.58
UK Fixed Int #	51.82	54.11†	+ 0.11	7.07
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	53.62	57.94	+ 0.32	..
Pep Inc Port #	53.29	55.22	+ 0.27	3.98
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	91.51	98.32	+ 0.01	..
Gilt	185.10	118.92	- 0.16	...
Managed	174.24	188.77	+ 0.52	...
Portfolio	52.42	56.18	+ 0.33	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	358.10	379.80	+ 1.50	2.42
Europe Inc	493.80	526.50	+15.90	0.26
Nth Amer Inc	351.20	374.80	+ 9.10	..
Global Inc	258.00	277.10	+ 5.60	
Global Acc	281.10	299.80	+ 6.08	..
UK Spec Sits Inc	143.40	152.90	+ 0.10	1.57
South East Asia	236.90	252.70	+ 4.40	0.12
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60		5.23
UK Smlr Cos Inc	133.10	141.90	+ 0.40	1.55
-do- Accum	139.90	149.20	+ 0.40	1.55
Intl Bond Inc	89.96	95.61	+ 1.50	5.14
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	170.50	179.50†	+ 2.60	0.43
Nth American	155.70	163.90†	+ 2.00	..
Intl Bond & Conv	130.80	136.80†	+ 0.60	6.43
Pooled Pension (5)	247.80	266.40	+ 1.40	1.38
Smaller Cos	127.50	134.20	- 0.18	0.87
UK General #	178.90	188.30	+ 0.50	1.99
Far Eastern	91.57	96.39	+ 0.75	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8220				
Continental	94.47	98.94†	+ 1.53	0.92
Global Gwth	87.09	86.95	+ 0.93	1.17
Inv Tst Port	59.42	63.97	+ 0.22	2.40
Managed	173.79	514.46†		1.80
Pref Inc #	109.19	116.08†	+ 0.20	5.74
Smaller Cos	290.10	304.20†	+ 0.50	0.85
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.92	†	+ 0.54	4.46
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.58	†	+ 0.02	5.07
Corporate Inc ‡	104.47	†	+ 0.39	5.14
Tst Port ‡	117.28		+ 1.65	
Aztec ‡	71.85		+ 0.12	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	130.59		+ 2.46	
European ‡	170.64		+ 2.42	
Global Bond ‡	80.69		+ 0.57	7.75
Samurai ‡	48.28		+ 0.42	..
UK Growth ‡	113.96		+ 0.70	2.52
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	109.57		- 0.03	2.56
Investment Trust ‡	116.38		+ 1.29	1.44
The Football Fd ‡	95.09			
Reserve Roll Up ‡	97.02		+ 0.27	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	463.40	490.30	+ 4.50	
Capital	151.90	162.30	+ 0.80	1.00
Cash	101.52	101.52	+ 0.02	5.46
European	172.40	182.40	+ 0.70	0.53
Far Eastern	153.50	162.40	+ 1.40	
Growth	177.40	187.70	+ 1.20	1.11
Income #	147.40	158.00	+ 0.30	4.89
Magnum	159.20	170.30†	+ 0.60	1.03
Smlr Secs	591.50	625.80	+ 2.40	0.31
Thoroughbred	185.60	196.60†	+ 0.60	1.02
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Coletal Princess	60.15	64.29	+ 0.16	7.00
Ethical	86.91	92.95	+ 0.46	0.86
European Growth	86.38	91.57	+ 1.44	
Income	65.62	70.14	+ 0.35	3.29
Intl Growth	114.90	121.70	+ 1.70	0.06
Managed	97.19	103.80	+ 1.30	0.25
UK Growth	82.56	88.21	+ 0.29	1.34
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	48.40	48.65	+ 0.40	1.13
Global Advtg Acc	52.75	53.03	+ 0.40	1.13

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Value Inc #	110.90	116.70	+ 0.40	3.56
Sector Value Gwth	112.60	118.60	+ 0.40	2.07
Hy 5 Europe	105.60	110.90	+ 0.50	2.10
Stater Gwth	199.50	212.80	+ 0.40	0.55
New Japan	79.90	84.28	+ 0.27	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	223.90	238.10†	+ 5.50	.
Income #	233.29	248.18†	+ 1.14	4.33
UK Growth	91.18	96.99†	+ 0.20	1.80
Intl Growth	87.73	93.32†	+ 0.85	0.45
Ecology	110.06	117.07	+ 0.75	0.87
European	224.125	238.43†	+ 3.85	0.56
Far Eastern	305.50	325.00†	+ 4.40	
UK Special Sits	58.42	62.31	+ 0.04	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	105.69	112.43	+ 1.67	0.64
Intl Bond	63.56	66.77	+ 0.41	4.83
Intl Equity Growth	86.74	92.19	+ 1.11	0.80
N Amer Growth	150.05	159.37	+ 2.32	0.77
Special Sits Growth	29.87	31.77	+ 0.10	1.96
UK Growth	493.39	524.88	+ 1.54	2.51
-do- Accum	681.33	724.81	+ 2.14	2.51
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 625457				
Balanced Fd #	1444.80	1487.80	..	2.90
Income #	1049.30	1086.10†	...	4.00

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	103.30	106.60†	+ 0.50	6.56
Euro Prm Inc	110.40	117.40	+ 1.40	2.75
-do- Accum	110.40	117.40	+ 1.40	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.70	127.30†	- 0.10	6.33
Global Income	242.50	258.00	+ 3.10	3.43
High Yield	167.50	178.60†	- 0.90	5.22
-do- Accum	560.80	596.60†	- 2.70	5.22
Money Market	98.53	98.53†	+ 0.02	5.37
South Gyr Chr	65.93	70.03†	- 0.09	3.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	171.30	175.30†		3.45
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptolio	186.50	192.20†	+ 1.50	2.41
-do- Accum	223.50	230.40†	+ 1.90	2.41
UK Sel Ptolio	167.70	172.90†	+ 1.40	2.41
-do- Accum	204.20	210.50†	+ 1.70	2.41
UK 100 Cos	126.00	126.00	+ 1.40	2.63
-do- Accum	128.40	128.40	+ 1.50	2.63

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	467½	Allied Domecq	422½	+ 9	7.0	12.8
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	597½	+ 5	2.8	17.8
131	63½	Burn Stewart	71½	...	5.8	70.0
980	615	Glenmorangie A	865	...	1.6	26.3
496	411	Grand Met	493	+ 13½	4.3	15.0
495	425	Guinness	443½	+ 3½	4.8	13.8
376	315	Highland Dist	344	+ 1½	3.0	16.6
603	255½	Matthew Clark	295½	+ 3	10.5	19.7
141	91½	[illegible]	107½	...	5.4	14.5
2012½	1375	SA Breweries	1643½	+ 12½	2.0	...

BANKS

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4040½	2742½	ABN-AMRO	4040½	+ 60½	3.8	16.0
811	528	Abbey Nat	775½	+ 1	3.7	14.3
417½	315	Allied Irish	417½	+ 2½	4.3	12.0
399½	295	Aus NZ	378	+ 5	5.0	...
4769½	3343½	Bank America	4769½	+ 228½	...	...
341½	227½	Bank Scotland	328	+ 4	2.8	12.0
1154½	893	Barclays	1153½	+ 28	3.0	12.6
569½	413	Bk of Ireland	567½	+ 1	3.7	12.8
7050	4037½	Citicorp	7050	+ 280½	...	...
1575	1278½	Commerzbk	1390	+ 21½	3.5	...
1350	808½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	875	- 12½	0.5	...
3412½	2782½	Deutsche Bk	3140½	+ 71½	2.1	...
906½	590½	Espirito Santo	807	+ 12½	4.2	11.7
1587	664	Fuji Bank Y	691½	- 14½	0.6	...
1480	931	HSBC	1474	+ 27	3.2	14.0
1441½	930	HSBC HK	1436	+ 27	3.3	13.6
508½	365	Irish Perm	505½	+ 3	2.8	13.8
487½	294½	Lloyds TSB	486½	+ 3	3.2	19.8
740½	588	Nat Aust Bk	734½	+ 38½	5.5	10.0
794½	605½	Nat West	781	+ 11	4.2	11.3
602	484	Royal Bk Scot	585	+ 10	3.8	13.2
768	547	Stand Chart	737½	+ 3	2.0	14.4
£174½	£121½	Wells Fargo	£164½	...	1.8	...
362	264	Westpac	344½	+ 4½	3.8	11.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
868	702	Bass	867½	+ 4½	3.6	17.1
70	40	[illegible]	61½	...	3.6	18.8
205	161	Burtonwood Brwy	177½	+ 3	4.0	16.9
143½	92	City Centre Rest	143	...	2.0	26.9
697	463	Compass Gp	668½	+ 11	1.6	26.2
271½	190	Eldridge P 'A'	271½	...	2.4	16.6
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	485	...	2.5	15.5
695	546	Greenalls Gp	574	- 1½	3.4	17.8
692	587½	Greene King	679	- 1	2.9	18.7
285	164½	Grosvenor Inns	165½	...	4.4	17.6
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	257	+ ½	1.4	24.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
467½	328	Electrocomponents	465	+ 5½	1.8	20.2
314	125½	Eurodis Elec	201½	+ 4	3.8	19.5
134½	65	[illegible]	132	- 1½	5.7	13.4
105	76	European Mtr	89½	...	7.4	9.1
275	217	Evans Halshaw	261½	...	7.9	10.2
57	38½	Fife Indmar	47½	+ 2	8.7	7.1
400	246	Finelist Gp	387½	- 5	2.1	22.5
33½	18½	Gardiner	30½	...	3.8	12.1
81	33½	Glenchewton	72	+ 1	1.8	21.3
97½	70½	Gowrings	85½	...	4.0	14.7
101	72	Hamlet	87½	...	8.6	8.1
282	216	Harris (Philip)	245	...	4.5	14.9
317½	200½	Headlam	315½	- 1	2.3	26.1
200	132	Holders Tech	151½	...	8.0	14.2
242½	153	ISA Intl	210	+ 1	1.5	19.1
316	231	Inchcape	252	+ 2	3.9	22.4
76	38	Jacks (Wm)	57½	...	4.8	18.1
280	180	Kwik-Fit	222½	...	2.9	17.8
380	293	Lex Service	316½	+ 2	6.0	10.2
165	105	Lookers	118½	...	9.8	8.5
17	10½	[illegible]	11½	+ ½	7.0	12.6
9½	5½	[illegible]	6½	...	1.5	9.9
47	31	[illegible]	37½	...	0.8	...
565	440	[illegible]	441½	- 6½	2.3	12.2
174½	115	[illegible]	158½	...	0.9	9.3
361½	201½	Parco	361½	+ 1	2.5	17.3
390½	272	Pendragon	390½	+ 9	3.0	18.5
211	145	Perry Gp	208	+ 3½	5.1	10.5
752½	602	Premier Farnell	695	+ ½	2.1	27.0
180	135	Quicks Group	147½	...	5.5	11.1
348	165	REX	330½	- 1	1.5	38.6
3	2	Reece	2½	+ ¼	...	...
54	20	[illegible]	22½	...	8.3	7.7
4½	2	Ross Gp	3½	...	...	...
58	38½	SEP Ind	37½	...	8.1	9.7
185	60	[illegible]	77½	+ 15	1.8	25.1
417½	248	Time Products	382½	+ 2	3.5	18.7
301½	125	UniECO	288	- 1	2.3	18.8
352½	283½	Vardy (Reg)	350	- ½	2.5	15.3
545	325	[illegible]	545	...	3.8	29.2
59	25½	[illegible]	35	...	9.0	10.3
178½	75½	Wyko	162½	...	1.7	23.0
146	104	Young (H)	135½	- 1	3.9	11.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
398	288	Antofagasta	337½	...	1.9	13.1
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	315	- 2½	2.1	...
1056	785	Bodycote Intl	860½	+ 4	2.8	20.2
340	229	BTR	285½	+ 6½	4.5	19.9
595	411	BBA	501½	+ 9	6.2	9.7
147½	108	Bibby (J)	137	+ 1	6.8	8.0
66	50½	[illegible]	58½	+ ½	7.9	9.8
872	715	Charter	795½	+ 1½	4.6	10.8
328	205	Cookson	257½	+ 7	4.2	13.4
228½	141	Courtaulds	220½	- 1	3.6	10.7
283	204	DCC	275½	+ 2	3.1	18.9

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84	32	Simon Eng	38	- ½	2.1	14.2
301	127½	Six Hundred	140	- 4½	4.2	2.8
833½	622	Smiths Ind	774½	+ 10½	2.6	19.9
780½	503	Spirax-Sarco	716½	- 9	2.4	20.0
324	287	Sterling Indt	309½	...	3.7	15.1
593½	458	TI	540	+ 4½	3.1	19.3
124	92	[illegible]	119½	...	8.5	11.8
121	72	TransTec	110½	...	2.8	19.7
212½	140	[illegible]	190	+ 2	4.6	10.7
182½	137	[illegible]	154	...	4.5	13.7
82½	47½	Utd Inds	58½	...	4.8	9.8
302	241	Vickers	264	- 2	3.3	16.3

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
374	314	Dunedin Smlr	373½	+ 2½	3.0	39.2
885	767½	Dunedin Wwde	798	+ 15	1.5	63.9
115½	82½	Edin Dragon	91½	- 2		
30½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	27½			
358½	312½	Edinburgh	358½	+ 4½	3.6	31.1
177	103½	EFM Japan	109½	+ ½		
460½	362	Electra Invt	460½	+ 10	2.3	43.1
259½	222	Electric Genl	259½	+ 2½	1.8	55.3
156	138	English Scot	150	+ 1½		
418½	332	European Asset	394	+ 1	1.4	67.1
108½	88½	Fidelity Asian Val	105½	+ ½	...	
232½	193	Fidelity Euro Val	229	+ ½	0.2	

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93½	68½	J Fry Euro U	93	+ ½	6.0	14.9
260	138½	JF Fledg Jap	147	+ ½		
101½	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	100	..	9.8	9.9
10	3½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	9		...	...
84	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	83	.	11.7	10.6
33	24½	Jupiter Grd Ptd	33		...	
128	108	Jupiter Intl Gro	125½	+ ½	3.7	...
316½	252	Kleinwort Chrl	316	+ 4	2.2	55.8
130	98½	Kleinwort E Mkt	112½	+ 1½		
168½	139	Kleinwort End	168½	+ 2		
87½	74	Kleinwort H Inc	87½	...	13.5	9.3

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
298	261	Kleinwort O'seas	293½	+ 7½	1.7	75.5
186½	136	Kleinwort Smlr	185½	+ ½	2.2	54.9
597	295	Korea—Euro	387	+ 6	0.3	.
121	85½	Latin American	121	+ 1½	...	
1035	813	Law Debenture	935	+ 1	3.1	33.3
125½	98	Lloyds Sm Cap	125½	+ ½		
27	22	Lloyds Sm Div	24½	+ ¼	19.6	6.3
150	126	Lloyds Sm Ptg	150	+ ½	3.2	38.6
174	151	Lon St Lawrence	159½	.	4.9	25.6
353	289	Lowland	307½	+ ½	4.5	23.9
695	573	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	682½	- 2½		
114	77½	M&G 2nd Dual Inf	77½	- 1		2.6
3400	2803	M&G Dual Cap	3405	+ 5		

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
78½	57½	Mercy Lat Amer	77½	..	0.4	
32	26	Mercy Wts	27½			
131	111	Murray Eat	129	.	2.7	37.7
24	13½	Murray Eur Wts	20			
95	80	Murray Emg Ecnt	82½	+ 1½	0.6	..
35½	14½	Murray Emr Ec Wt	17½			
70	54	Murray Euro	68½	+ ½	0.6	
398½	338	Murray Incmt	398½	+ 4½	4.4	29.4
429	377	Murray Intl	428	+ 6½	3.7	31.3
195½	180	Murray S/C DP	194½	+ ½	..	
195½	135	Murray S/C Cap	194	+ 2	...	...
73½	66	Murray S/C Inc	72½	...	20.7	5.6

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3750	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3500		4.0	
511	419	Murray Small	464	+ 7	1.4	68.6
398½	356	Murray Vent	398	+ 1	4.6	22.3
9	5½	[illegible]	5½			
415	353½	O'seas Inv Tst	380½	+ 9	1.2	79.3
218	158½	O'seas Wts	161	+ 6		
147	112	Pacific Assets	125½	+ 4½	0.3	
184	89	Perp Inc Gth	103½	+ ½	2.1	
93½	48	Perpetual Jap	50½			
363	287	Perpt Uk Sm Co	347		0.5	73.2
£131½	£111½	Personal Assets	£131		2.1	45.2
125	103	Pilar Inv	117			

LEISURE & HOTELS

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
345½	212½	London Clubs	345	+ 15	2.9	22.8
733½	188	Man Utd	728½	+ 9½	0.9	48.5
98½	77½	Mandarin Orntl	88	+ 1½	3.9	19.6
384	278	Millennium & Cop	361½		0.2	27.7
201½	89	Northern	200	.	2.7	20.4
146	114	Prism Leisure	125		5.8	7.3
38	28	Queensborough	31	+ ½	.	.
32	11½	Queens Moat	17½	...		
547	398	Rank Grp	414½	+ 1	4.8	13.8
47	31	Ryan Hotels E	45½	+ 2½	4.7	9.2
1525	930	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1450		1.2	56.6

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
215	171½	Sinclair (Wm)	186½		5.4	11.6
153½	45	Southampton	135	- 8½	0.9	
108½	75½	Stakis	107	+ 2	2.5	17.3
373	167½	Stanley Leisure	258½	...	1.5	29.6
20½	6½	Tandem	10	.	...	.
346	346	Tanjong	346	.	1.4	22.6
189	156	Thistle Hotels	188	+ 1½	2.5	20.2
718	223½	Tottenham Hot	685	- 2½	0.8	17.7
127½	85	Toy Options	99½	- 1	4.4	8.1
350	234½	VCI	260	+ ½	3.5	14.7
138	78½	Vardon	104	...	2.0	17.4
412½	306	Wembley	364½	+ 1	..	12.7
130	90½	Zetters Gp	101½	..	13.0	10.4

MEDIA

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
259½	188½	GWR Gp	205½	+ ½	1.6	35.6
344½	230	[illegible] Group	342½		1.4	19.0
32½	18	[illegible]	30		0.8	24.5
237½	217	Grampian	224		2.8	27.9
431	284	HTV Group	360	- 5	1.4	32.3
335	247½	Haynes Pub	250	- 2½	5.1	11.5
27	17	Highbury Hse	18			
350	198	Hodder H'line	227		3.7	22.3
285	145	Home Counts	268½		2.6	30.6
234	273	IBC	286		3.4	11.1
22½	10½	Incepta	21½			14.8
342½	232	Independent	307½	.	3.2	36.5

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	72½	City of Lon	79½	.	8.2	10.6
138	89½	Cordiant	104			
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1684½	+ 18½	1.4	27.7
1685½	1189½	Daily Mail 'A'	1581½	+ 12½	1.5	25.9
648	372½	Dorling Kind	379½	+ 3½	1.5	24.2
795	530	EMAP	792½	+ 4	1.9	27.4
1488	1099	EMAP	1265	+ 10	2.8	26.6
1091	845½	Elsevier	940½	+ 3½	2.1	26.5
1515	1030	Euromoney Pbt	1410		4.1	19.7
47½	19	Fitch	42½	+ ½		11.9
705	440	Flextech	677	- ½		
251	198	BGT Group#	223		3.3	15.6

MINING

OIL & GAS

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
458½	328	Liberty Intl	450		4.2	25.5
342½	218	Lon Forfaiting	318½	- ½	4.1	13.9
261	205½	London Pacific	216½	+ 7	8.2	10.1
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	111	.	3.0	20.8
186	139	Man ED & F	181½	.	7.1	9.7
1354	1040½	M & G	1361	+ 21	3.6	21.3
1308	841	MAM	1307½	+ 31½	3.7	21.9
143½	90½	Nat Home Loans	142	+ 6	2.1	...
2585	1830	Perpetual	2537½	- 5	2.8	18.8
538	395	Provident	532½	+ 1	3.5	20.1
336	302½	Rathbone Bro	304		4.3	13.6
67	49½	Rea Brothers	59½		2.1	23.4
60½	37½	Rutland Tst	58½		2.7	17.4
122½	42	SEC Group	118	- ½	5.0	10.5
457	290	S & U	419	+ 2½	4.9	10.6
1669½	1185	Schroders	1652½	+ 7½	1.3	18.8
1509½	890	Schroders N/V	1490	+ 2½	1.5	15.9
139½	99½	Singer & Fried	136	.	3.9	10.0
57	33	[illegible]	39			
6	3½	Tns Hldgs	4	.	.	
115½	71	Union	80½	..	4.7	8.7
360	268	Wintrust	337½		4.8	15.7

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	163½	Brit Biotech	230	+ 21½		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	712½	+ 2½		
630	441	Celltech	640	+ 20		
588	224	Chiroscience	327½	+ 9		
447	149½	Cortecs	205	+ 8		
1094½	767	Glaxo Well	956½	+ 32½	3.9	17.2
475	194	ML Laboratories	224½	+ 2		58.7
295	208	Medeva	288	+ 8½	1.8	16.3
289	175½	Peptide Thera	289	+ 47½		
808	524	Scotia	705	+ 15		
266	179	Shire Pharms	228½	+ 3½		34.6
96	69	SkyePharma	78½			
892	639½	SmithKline	880	+ 36½	2.2	31.9
532	259½	Therp Anb Inc	353			
633	457½	Vanguard	565			
287½	182	Xenova	287½	+ 27½		
1768½	1216	Zeneca	1723½	+ 51	2.3	37.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
155½	127½	AG Holdings	141		5.3	11.7
782	547	API	780	- 2	1.8	24.8
140	47½	App Holo	52½	+ 2		
212	149	Arjo Wiggins	178½	- 1½	5.3	
295	87½	[illegible]	123½	.	6.2	9.7
20½	12½	Bails Press	20	- ¼	2.8	11.0
443½	339	[illegible]	442½	+ 1	4.2	14.7
229½	138	Blagden	226½	.	1.3	19.2
2725	2037½	Bowater Inc	2550	- 28½		
346½	208½	[illegible] Ind	313½		1.1	24.8
770	645	Br Polythene	713½	.	3.0	15.3
38	16	Br Thornton	17½			
168	127½	Britton Grp	127½	..	3.1	10.9
245½	191	Bunzl	211½	+ 6½	3.5	13.1
237½	170½	Capital Inds	225½		3.0	15.6
378½	279	Cropper (James)	351½		1.5	12.9
755	526½	De La Rue	582½	- 2½	5.1	15.1
95	73	Delyn Group	74½		3.4	14.8
224½	131	Dolphin Pack	222½		3.3	18.1

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
209½	149½	MFI	187½	+ 2½	2.8	19.1
533	416½	Marks Spencer	484½	- 3½	3.0	19.1
636	445	Menzies (John)	470	.	3.7	12.1
29½	15½	Merchant Retail	24½			28.9
1305	615	Moss Bros	1250		1.9	25.5
603½	420	Next	557	- 2½	2.9	23.0
63	31½	Owen (O)	36½	+ ½		
565	400	[illegible]	501½		3.1	15.4
85½	66	Partridge Fine	70½	- 1	5.1	11.9
56	30½	QS Hldgs	30½		6.4	
229	191	Rosebys	212½		2.4	23.4
105	84	Sears	88	+ ½	5.6	21.7
34½	14½	Signet Group	30			
534	399	Smith WH	433½	+ 3½	4.5	.
1110	830	Sotheby's	1026	.	1.9	
362	246½	Storehouse	278	- 1	3.4	18.5
157	89	Style	140		4.2	21.7
231	165½	T & S Stores	181	- 2	5.0	11.6
410	196½	Thorn	201	+ 2½	8.3	12.1
198½	153	Tie Rack	187½		1.9	18.7
4	2½	Upton & Southn	3½			33.5
664	496½	Vendome	496½	- 1	2.6	18.4
29½	12	WEW Group	23	- 1½		
659½	159	Wickes	167	+ ½		
94	52	Wld of Leather	92½	+ 3	2.2	
237½	198	Wyevale	237½		3.1	17.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	883	ADT	1252½			
460	214½	AEA Tech	460	- 6	2.0	21.3
135	92	Alpha Airpt	111		5.6	14.2
39	26	Alphameric	38	+ ½		14.9
387½	215	Atkins WS	338½	- 13	2.4	24.6
190	129	BNB Res	165	- 2½	5.2	8.9
407½	283	BPP	402½		3.6	19.5
203	155	BSM	175		5.1	11.6
535	203	BTG	452½	- 5	1.1	
110½	80	Brooks Service	85½		4.7	13.7
500	373	Business Post	500		2.3	25.5
1075	329	CMG	1066	+ 5	0.7	47.5
276½	111½	CRT Gp	225		2.3	28.3
958½	187	Card Gp	627½		0.6	4.8
566	295	Capita Group	563½		1.0	46.6
10½	5½	Chemex	6½	- ¼	2.8	18.7
386	308	Chubb Secr	313½	- ½	3.5	15.3
225	95	Corp Services	223	- 1½	2.5	27.2
59½	46	Coutts Cnslg	54½		4.9	17.5
275	73	DCS Gp	263½	+ 6	0.7	33.2
276½	202½	Davis Service	236½	- 2½	5.1	12.6
960	367	Delphi	960	+ 17½	0.7	30.0
252	98	Dudley Jenkins	233	.	2.1	21.7
82	38	EW Fact	67½		3.1	10.3
116	59½	El Data Prc	82½	+ 10	3.4	
602	245	FI Group	601		0.9	52.4
563½	362	Hays	561	- 1½	1.8	25.2
313½	210	Hogg Robinson	291½		3.9	13.4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

WATER

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	96	Hyder Con Prf	105	- ¼	9.4	
640	420	Mid Kent Hdgs	537½	- 25	6.9	6.9
706½	518	Severn Trent	701½	.	6.0	7.8
2910	2375	South Staffs	2895	.	3.5	14.4
731	499	South West	653½	+ 7½	6.1	7.4
660	526½	Thames	653½	- 1½	5.8	8.5
683½	529	Utd Utilities	672½	- 6½	6.3	12.2
398	295	Wessex	387	+ 10½	5.1	7.7
791	580	Yorkshire	726½	+ 9	5.5	9.6

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996/97 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	18	Abacus Recruit	102½	.		29.2
213	95	Cafe Inns	175	.	1.7	13.5
171½	58	Country Gdns	155	+ ½	1.1	15.9
2525	660	Dawson Hdgs	2512½	..	2.0	19.0
47	14	Freepages	43½	..	.	...
117	88½	Megalomedia	92½	...	...	51.9
475	22½	Memory Corp	56½	.	.	
222	85½	Old English Pub	215½	.	0.8	67.7
580	151	Prism Rail	550		...	..
1040	379	Ramco Eng	1040	+ 15	0.1	...
605	520	Southern News	583½		3.2	19.5
78½	50	Southern Vects	65½	- 2	3.6	15.2
440	122	Surrey Fr Inns	438½	+ 2	0.7	30.3
79½	44	Trocadero	52½	...	...	

Source: FT Information

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.97	6.20
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.47	5.99
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.62	6.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	..	14.11	6.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	...	9.45	6.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]	...	7.18	6.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.60	6.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.60	6.61
[illegible]	108	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		11.90	6.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.03	6.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	111	[illegible]	11.04	6.74
[illegible]	107	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.72	6.67
99½	96	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.10	6.68
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.98	6.96
114	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.05	7.02
[illegible]	95½	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.01	7.04

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.72	7.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.67	7.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.74	7.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.93	7.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.17	6.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.40	7.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.85	7.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.91	7.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.38	7.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.77	7.24
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.43	7.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.58	7.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.78	7.32

1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.64	7.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.87	7.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.04	7.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.68	7.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.08	7.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.98	7.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	113	[illegible]	7.96	7.55
[illegible]	75½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]		6.60	7.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.70	7.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.61	7.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.67	7.56
113½	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.84	7.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.64	7.56

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1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.62	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	...	7.87	.
[illegible]	45½	Consols 4%	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.75	...

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1996/97 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	...	.	2.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.61	3.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182	[illegible]	2.65	3.31
119	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.93	3.33
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.11	3.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.22	3.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.30	3.53
148	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.37	3.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.43	3.61
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Tenancy is matrimonial asset

Newlon Housing Trust v Al-Sulaimen and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Cazalet

[Judgment January 16]

The tenancy of a flat granted by the landlord jointly to a husband and wife was a joint asset that the court could order to be transferred into the sole name of one of them when making property adjustment orders in connection with divorce proceedings.

Where one of the parties to the marriage applied to the court for such a transfer and had good prospects of succeeding in it, an action by the landlord for possession of the premises should be adjourned to await the outcome of the application.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the husband, Mr Rateb Al-Sulaimen, from Judge Tibber who, sitting in Edmonton County Court on June 6, 1996, had refused to grant him an adjournment and had made a possession order in favour of the landlord, Newlon Housing Trust.

Mr Simon Buckhaven for the husband; Mr Oliver Campbell for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the case was one where joint tenants under a contractual periodic tenancy were, when they ceased to live together, a married couple.

Thus the tenancy was a joint asset which the court could order to be transferred into the sole name of one or other party to the marriage under section 24(1)(a) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, thereby relieving the other party of further contractual liability to the landlord: see *Thompson v Thompson* ([1976] Fam 25).

There had to be many cases where such a tenancy was the most valuable asset available to the parties. It was natural that the court, while looking always to protect the landlord's interest, should be disposed to use every power available to it in order to prevent the unilateral destruction of such an asset by one party to the marriage.

Here, the parties had separated in April 1995, the wife leaving the flat. After a decree of divorce was pronounced the wife gave a notice to quit to the landlord.

That notice was, by virtue of the decision of the House of Lords in *Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council* ([1992] 1 AC 478), effective at common law to determine the tenancy. In March 1996 the landlord had issued a summons claiming possession based on the notice to quit.

In June 1996 the husband had been granted legal aid to pursue an application under section 37 of the 1973 Act which covered avoidance of transactions intended to prevent or reduce financial relief, and his solicitors had written to the landlord requesting its consent to an adjournment of the possession hearing. Consent was refused.

It was in that state of play that the landlord's application for possession came before and was determined by Judge Tibber.

Mr Buckhaven, while recognising that it was a strong thing for the court to interfere with a judge's refusal to grant an adjournment, submitted that this was an exceptional case where the judge had erred in principle or was plainly wrong.

That submission was made out. The judge was in error in thinking that the husband's prospects of success in an application under section 37 was not a matter which he had to consider at that stage.

It was essential that the judge should have considered the merits of the claim, at least in a preliminary way. Had he done so, it was likely that he would not have had the doubts as to the success of the application that he appeared to have had.

The critical provisions of section 37 were contained in subsections (2)(b), (4), (5)(a) and (6).

Shortly stated, on the assumptions, both of which appeared to be correct, (i) that the notice to quit was a disposition and (ii) that it had not been made for valuable consideration, the effect of those provisions was that if the court was satisfied that the wife gave the notice to quit with the intention of defeating a claim by the husband for financial relief and that if the notice were set aside the tenancy would be transferred to the husband, it might make an order setting it aside.

Further, if the court was satisfied that the notice would, apart from section 37, have the consequence of defeating the husband's claim, it should be presumed, unless the contrary was shown, that the wife had given the notice with the intention of defeating the claim.

If the notice to quit was set aside the husband had good prospect of obtaining an order transferring the tenancy into his sole name. The wife had shown that she had no need to live in the flat, whereas the husband had.

Moreover, in all the circumstances, the husband had good prospects of establishing that the wife had given the notice with the intention required by section 37(2)(b).

The husband had now to give an undertaking to issue an application under sections 37 and 24 of the 1973 Act within a short period.

The effective opponent to it would be the landlord which would have to be given notice of it and, if not made a party, would be entitled to intervene. It would doubtless wish to give careful consideration to the question whether it ought to oppose the application.

Mr Justice Cazalet gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Martin Shepherd & Co, Enfield; Devonshires.

Choosing the designated local authority

In re C (Minors) (Care proceedings: Ordinary residence)

Before Mr Justice Wall

[Judgment December 17]

Where, during care proceedings, a local authority allowed children to live at home with their mother under the care plan, the children could not be said to be "accommodated" by that local authority under section 23 of the Children Act 1989.

Accordingly, section 105(6)(c) which determined the ordinary residence of a child in accommodation could not apply and, where there was a dispute as to which of two local authorities was responsible for ongoing care, the court was free to apply conventional principles to the issue of residence in order to determine which should be the designated authority.

Mr Justice Wall so held in the Family Division in interlocutory proceedings when considering which local authorities should be parties to the ongoing care proceedings where the children involved had moved from the area of the local authority which had instituted the proceedings into the area of another local authority.

Miss Annie Bradwell for Hackney London Borough Council; Mr Andrew McFarlane for Surrey County Council; Miss Joan Moore for the mother; Mr Lawrence Cohen, solicitor, for the guardian ad litem.

MR JUSTICE WALL rejected the argument that a local authority could exercise its powers under section 23 of the Children Act 1989 by accommodating children at home.

The words "living with" in section 23(5) and (6) plainly contrasted with the term "accommodation" used in section 23(1)(a): further, section 23(7) made a clear distinction between accommodation provided by a local authority and a child's home.

Here the local authority had allowed the children to live with their mother under section 23(5) of the 1989 Act and accordingly that was a placement under the Placement of Children with Parents etc Regulations (SI 1991 No 893).

Therefore section 105(6)(c) of the 1989 Act, which provided that the period a child spent being accommodated by a local authority should be disregarded for the purposes of determining ordinary residence, did not operate and it was for the court to determine residence on conventional principles.

Here, by moving from one local authority area to another, the children had lost their habitual residence in Hackney without necessarily acquiring ordinary residence in Surrey due to the time element: see *In re J (a Minor) (Abduction: Custody rights)* ([1990] 2 AC 562, 578H).

In those circumstances section 31(8)(b) applied so that the designated local authority was the one within whose area the circumstances which gave rise to the making of the order had occurred.

For the purpose of the interim care orders, that authority was Hackney. However, by the time the final order came to be made it was probable that the children would have acquired ordinary residence in Surrey so that that authority should also be joined as a party.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Hinde, Hackney; Mr Jonathan Jessup, Kingston upon Thames; John Ford; Stuart Miller & Co.

Relevant considerations for binding over after acquittal

Regina v Middlesex Crown Court, Ex parte Khan

Where a judge was deciding to bind over a defendant who had been acquitted, it was particularly important that he was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the man posed a potential threat to other persons and was a man of violence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Collins) so stated on December 3 when allowing an application for judicial review by Zahid Khan against the decision on September 19, 1995 by Mr Recorder Davies at Middlesex Crown Court to bind him over in the sum of £250 to be of good behaviour for one year following his acquittal by a jury on a charge of causing actual bodily harm.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said he agreed with Mr Khan's submission that if a judge intended to bind a defendant over in circumstances where he had been acquitted, it was of particular importance that the judge was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the man was a potential threat to other persons and was a man of violence.

It was not good enough that he believed the defendant might pose a threat.

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Judgment after consent order

In re Agreements relating to the supply of freight forwarding services between the United Kingdom and Australasia

Before Mr Justice Ferris, Mr B. D. Colgate and Mr J. A. C. King

[Judgment January 20]

The court had jurisdiction to deliver a reasoned judgment even in a case which was not contested and in which a consent order was made.

If the court decided to spell out matters in a reasoned judgment, it might well be said to be doing something which was unnecessary but it could not possibly be said to be exceeding its jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Ferris, sitting with two lay assessors, so held in the Restrictive Practices Court of the Chancery Division in an application by the Director General of Fair Trading against the respondents, Anglo Pacific International plc, Cargo Forwarding International plc, Excess Baggage plc, Interpack Worldwide Ltd, Kellex Ltd and Mantisflow Ltd trading as TNT Magazine.

Mr Nicholas Green for the director general; Mr Jon Richard Turner for the first, third, fourth and fifth respondents; Mr Rupert Anderson for the sixth respondent; the second respondent was not legally represented.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that at the hearing the court had been faced with applications for orders under sections 1, 2 and 35 of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 which were not opposed, offers of undertakings by the represented parties which were equivalent to the most stringent order which the court had jurisdiction to make under those sections, and an indication from the only unrepresented party that it had no objection to an equivalent order being made against it.

In those circumstances the court had no difficulty in making the orders proposed. In the ordinary way there would have been little or no argument about any matter.

However, the director general had asked the court to go further and deliver a reasoned judgment because, inter alia, it would draw attention to the seriousness of the respondents' conduct, it would be of assistance in questions that might arise in future similar agreements, it would provide greater certainty, attract more publicity and assist the court hearing any future applications to discharge the undertakings.

The represented respondents urged the court not to accede to the request and went so far as to say that the court had no jurisdiction to give a reasoned judgment in consent order cases.

The court rejected that suggestion. Lord Diplock's speech in *In re Black Bolt and Nut Association's Agreement (No 2)* ((1961) LR 2 RP 433, 446) was not stating a proposition which was anything like as wide as the respondents suggested.

The reason why any court gave a reasoned judgment was to demonstrate the reasons for making the order. If the court did not do so it might be subject to criticism. But there could be no point in the court giving a reasoned judgment where the reasons were obvious. That would normally be so in the case of a consent order.

Even in such a case there could be no objection to the giving of reasons if that were thought to be desirable, for example to point out that the court had formed no view of its own on the merits but was acting entirely on the basis of the parties' consent. Whether a court would take such a step appeared to be entirely a matter for the court itself.

However, the court concluded that it would be wrong to give a reasoned judgment because the whole purpose of the director general's application was to persuade the court to find facts which were more extensive than those which the respondents were content to admit and which would be stated in the court's orders.

It would be wrong to try to assess the seriousness of a restrictive practice when that would not affect the terms of the order. Likewise, it would be wrong to attempt in advance to solve future problems from the impact of "like effect" injunctions on commercial arrangements not yet embarked upon, or from future applications to discharge or vary the present orders.

Publicity should seldom, if ever, be a reason for the court expressing its decision in a particular way. There might be occasions when the court thought fit to issue a general warning as to the impact of the law on certain conduct. This was not such a case.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Rickerby Watterson, Cheltenham; Simons Platman Rechnic.

Exchange rate irrelevant for gains tax

Goodbrand (Inspector of Taxes) v Loffland Brothers North Sea Inc

Before Mr Justice Lloyd

[Judgment December 20]

Fluctuations in exchange rates could not give rise to an adjustment in the assessment of the amount of a chargeable gain for capital gains tax purposes in a rental purchase transaction requiring the payment of instalments in a foreign currency.

The provision in section 40(2) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979, now section 48 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, permitting adjustment to an assessment to be made if any part of the consideration that had to be brought into account in computing the amount of the gain could be shown "to be irrecoverable" had no application and did not enable a recomputation of the gain to be made so as to reflect the actual sterling proceeds recovered.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of special commissioners that had reversed a refusal by a tax inspector to allow an adjustment to be made to an assessment to corporation tax in respect of capital gains for the 12-month period to December 1985 that arose on the disposal by the taxpayer company, Loffland Brothers North Sea Inc, of four oil rigs for a consideration of US $38,610,000 paid by a series of instalments.

Mr Michael Furness for the Crown; Mr Graham Aaronson, QC, for the company.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the company, formed under the law of Nevada and not resident in the United Kingdom carried on a trade of providing oil rigs in the North Sea through a branch or agency.

It entered into a rental purchase agreement in 1985 whereby the four rigs were leased to an oil company but giving the oil company an option to buy the rigs at a pre-determined price.

The Crown contended that the agreement resulted in the company making a chargeable gain in excess of £6.7 million based on a sterling equivalent of the US dollar reference price as at the date of the agreement calculated at the rate of $1.16 to the pound. Payments were in fact made over nine years during which the sterling/US dollar exchange rate varied between $1.06 to $1.98.

Applying the spot exchange rate month by month to the sums as paid the company had made a loss on the transaction, not a chargeable gain. The question at issue was which was right: a chargeable gain of £6.7 million or an allowable loss of £2.7 million.

By section 24 of the 1979 Act the transaction had to be treated as an entire disposal of the rigs by the company at the time of the commencement of the 1985 agreement.

By section 40(2) the fact that the right to receive the consideration for that disposal was postponed had to be ignored when bringing into account the consideration for the disposal and no discount was to be made for it.

As sterling was the only permissible unit of account when making calculations for capital gains tax the commercially relevant currency of dollars had to be converted to sterling at every stage. It was not permissible to carry out the calculations in US dollars, work out any gain or loss in dollar terms and convert that net result, at the end of the day to sterling.

The full amount of dollars due was eventually received but the full amount of the sterling equivalent, as at the date of disposal, was not received.

Mr Aaaronson said that where an asset was disposed of for a cash sum payable in foreign currency, the sale proceeds had to be converted to sterling both at the time of the contract and also at the time of receipt. If the sterling value of the proceeds as received was less than the figure used for the initial computation, that difference was "irrecoverable" and an adjustment fell to be made under section 40(2).

His Lordship said the subsection was not directed at changes in exchange rates, or other changes in valuation, after the date at the outset when the consideration was to be valued. The phrase "subsequently shown ... to be irrecoverable" covered both the risk of part of the consideration being irrecoverable on the default of the debtor and the possibility that the right to receive part of it might be contingent and the contingency might not be satisfied.

But the subsection was only concerned with an acceleration, for which no discount or adjustment was to be allowed, and with presuming that all the consideration would be received, for which an adjustment could be allowed if it was not received.

In the present case, part of the consideration brought into account as required by section 40(2) might be shown to be irrecoverable only if although due it was not received, presumably because of the default of the debtor, or if the right to receive it was subject to a contingency and that had not in the event been satisfied.

The commissioners had erred in their view that the consideration so brought into account was the sterling equivalent and in their view that because the company did not receive £33.3 million but only £23.8 million, the difference proved to be irrecoverable.

The company anticipated receiving, and did receive, US$38,610,000, no part of which became or proved to be irrecoverable.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Baker & McKenzie.

Solicitors' fees from divorce award

Sears Tooth (a Firm) v Payne Hicks Beach (a Firm) and Others

Before Mr Justice Wilson

[Judgment January 17]

Where a wife, who was involved in protracted divorce proceedings, agreed to pay her solicitors' fees from the money she expected the court to award her, the agreement was not necessarily either champertous or invalid as contrary to public policy, but was a valid contract for valuable consideration to assign a future chose in action.

Mr Justice Wilson so held in the Family Division when, inter alia, dismissing an appeal from the order of District Judge Wigfield dated September 9, 1996 when he refused to set aside a garnishee order nisi made in favour of Payne Hicks Beach, solicitors, on the ground that the wife's prior assignment to Sears Tooth was champertous and contrary to public policy and therefore invalid.

Payne Hicks Beach had obtained the garnishee order in respect of fees left unpaid when the wife instructed Sears Tooth, solicitors, in her divorce action in place of Payne Hicks Beach. Sears Tooth had applied to have that order set aside on the basis of a deed whereby the wife had purported to assign to them her rights under any order in the ancillary proceedings in consideration of their provision of legal services.

Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Philip Moser for Sears Tooth; Mr Mark Herbert, QC and Miss Tracy Angus for Payne Hicks Beach; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, for the husband; Mr Christopher Wood for the wife.

MR JUSTICE WILSON said that what the deed purported to assign was a future chose in action. The wife had not assigned to Sears Tooth her right to claim ancillary relief but rather such part of her rights under the potential orders as would "settle any lawful claim for payment [Sears Tooth] might make against her".

Furthermore, an assignment of rights under an order for payment of a lump sum was valid because, unlike periodical payments, under section 31 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 such orders could not be varied or discharged.

The assignment did not amount to a conditional fee agreement, which would have been unlawful by virtue of the exclusion of proceedings under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 from the ambit of section 58 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, but was in effect the assignment of the fruits of an action.

In *Glegg v Bromley* ([1912] 3 KB 474), where the subject matter of the assignment was similar, the Court of Appeal had held such an assignment to be lawful because it had given the assignee no right to interfere in the action; there was nothing resembling maintenance or champerty.

By reference to modern general principle and specific jurisprudence, in particular *Trendtex Trading Corporation v Credit Suisse* ([1980] 1 QB 629), champerty now seemed to require some suggestion of a "division of the spoils" which was not the case here.

On the facts the deed was little more than a formalisation of an understanding between the wife and solicitors for the ultimate payment of their fees.

Provided the client was advised to seek independent legal advice, as the wife had been here, and the existence of the deed was disclosed to the court, far from striking at public justice, the main tendency of such a deed was to promote it by securing proper advice and representation for a significant constituency of wives seeking to assert their rights against more powerful husbands.

The appeal was dismissed on other grounds.

Solicitors: Sears Tooth; Payne Hicks Beach; McBride Wilson & Co; Anthony Gold Lerman & Muirhead.

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Incestuous birth not a personal injury

A's Curator Bonis v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

Before Lord Osbourne

[Judgment November 13]

Being conceived and born as a result of an act of incestuous sexual intercourse was not a personal injury within the meaning of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

Lord Osbourne, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing a petition for judicial review of a decision of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board brought by the curator bonis to a mentally handicapped woman, A.

Mr Philip Brodie, QC and Mrs Janys Scott for the petitioner; Mr Robert Reed, QC and Miss Marion Caldwell for the respondents.

LORD OSBOURNE said that the ward, A, was conceived and born as a result of an act of incestuous sexual intercourse between her mother and her father. At the time of conception in April 1972, the mother was aged 15. The father had been convicted of incest on November 13, 1991.

It was not disputed that A had been born with, and would suffer permanently from severe mental handicap. She had been born with congenital characteristics not present in a normal child, which were genetic and which arose directly from the consanguinity of her parents.

In December 1991 the mother had applied to the respondents on behalf of A for compensation upon the basis that her mental handicap was directly attributable to crimes of violence perpetrated by her father.

The respondents had rejected that application on the ground that they were not satisfied that A was suffering from personal injuries which were directly attributable to a crime of violence as required by paragraph 5 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 1969.

Application had been made for an oral hearing, following which the respondents issued a decision affirming the original decision that congenital characteristics could not properly be described as injuries sustained.

Further, even if they were injuries, the respondents considered that the characteristics complained of were not attributable to the act of rape but to the genetic make up of the parents, and were thus not directly attributable to violence.

In the present petition, the petitioner sought reduction of the respondents' decision and an order requiring the respondents to consider the application anew.

His Lordship referred to the wide ranging submissions, and indicated that it appeared to him that there was an unanimity as to what the main issues were:

1 Whether the grievous condition of A could properly be regarded as personal injury within the meaning of paragraph 5 of the 1969 Scheme.

2 Whether, assuming the first question were answered affirmatively, the personal injury was directly attributable to a crime of violence.

3 Whether the claim was barred in terms of paragraph 7 of the 1969 Scheme on the view that the victim who suffered injuries and the offender who inflicted them were living together at the time as members of the same family.

His Lordship noted that the words of the scheme were to be interpreted in a commonsense and non-technical way.

There was no doubt that the meanings of the word "injury" contained in the *Oxford English Dictionary* to which reference had been made were wide. However, dictionary definitions could only be part of the picture.

During the course of argument, both parties had cited a large number of United States cases which his Lordship did not consider either practical or necessary to consider individually because of the differences of view which emerged from the several jurisdictions and the different judicial process followed in certain American courts.

His Lordship had reached the conclusion that the weight of American authority was to the effect that wrongful claims were not admissible. There were two reasons:

1 The conceptual problem of regarding a genetic defect as an injury; and

2 The impossibility of assessment of damages on any rational basis.

His Lordship did not consider that the authority cited to him on pre-conception torts advanced consideration of the issues in this case. It was plain that in certain circumstances the law might recognise a pre-conception tort.

However, difficulty arose where the defect which was the subject of the claim or complaint was of genetic origin and unavoidable having regard to the identity of the parents. It appeared to his Lordship that that distinction had not been fully recognised in the submissions on behalf of the petitioner.

His Lordship considered the sole United Kingdom case in which those issues were examined: *McKay v Essex AHA* ([1982] 1 QB 1166) along with *Airedale NHS Trust v Bland* ([1993] AC 789) and *Law Hospital NHS Trust v Lord Advocate* (1996 SLT 848).

In relation to the latter cases, the argument was that the courts had already embarked upon the assessment of the value of life and death in relation to persons in a persistent vegetative state and had felt able to reach conclusions on a comparison.

His Lordship regarded that argument was based upon a misapprehension. The House of Lords in *Bland* had held that the object of medical treatment and care was to benefit the patient, but since a large body of informed and responsible medical opinion was of the view that existence in a persistent vegative state was not of benefit to the patient, the principle of the sanctity of life, which was not absolute, was not violated by ceasing to give medical treatment. In his Lordship's view those decisions did not have the effect contended for by the petitioner.

In the light of the authorities, his Lordship had reached the conclusion that the respondents had not erred in law when they concluded in their decision that congenital deficiencies could not properly be held to be injuries within the meaning of the scheme.

In his Lordship's opinion, the reasoning in the respondents' written decision was not open to criticism. It appeared to his Lordship that the concept of injury, in the context of a situation where compensation for it must be assessed, presupposed a pre-injury state which was capable of assessment and comparison with the post-injury state. It was obvious that A never had, nor could have had any existence save in a defective state.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's opinion, it was inevitable that her plight, grievous though it was, could not be seen as personal injury within the meaning of the 1969 Scheme.

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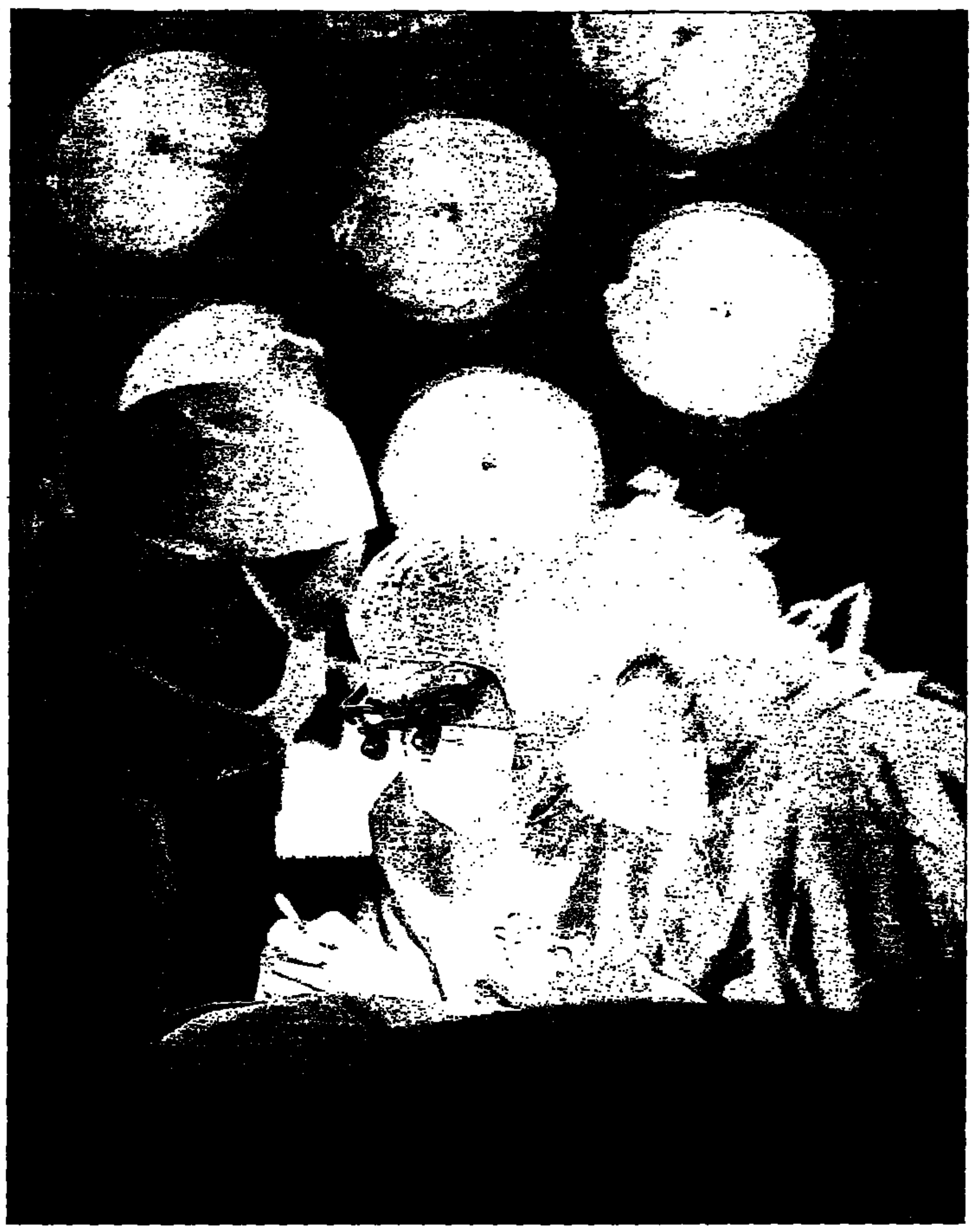

Under the knife: strong competition is hitting specialists who once ruled the roost in private care

NHS trusts may launch own paybed schemes

Although there has been little net growth in the private healthcare market since the NHS reforms of the 1980s, one sector has flourished. The largest provider of private hospital services is, surprisingly, the NHS itself. *David Loshak writes.*

There are about 3,000 NHS paybeds in all, but of these, 1,700 are in ordinary NHS wards with no identified beds or treatment areas for private patients and an occupancy rate of only 10 per cent. However, there are 1,400 beds in about 80 dedicated up-to-date NHS trust hospital paybed units, a powerful competitive force.

Collectively, they account for a sixth of the market. The NHS share of private patient business has risen by half as much again since 1988 to 16.5 per cent and its take has doubled since 1991 from £113 million to more than £225 million — a compound annual growth rate of 17 per cent compared with only 7 per cent for the independent sector.

According to the healthcare analyst William Fitzhugh, in his *Directory of NHS Trusts*, three in four of the 496 NHS Trusts are making money from private patients. However, he questions the involvement of trusts in allocating resources to what can be no better than a "peripheral activity" without carefully evaluating the demand.

"Paybeds are springing up as if there is no tomorrow," says Bupa's medical director, Andrew Vallance-Owen. He questions the wisdom of opening new private beds in a shrinking market where there is only 50 per cent occupancy of private-sector beds overall.

The health consultant William Laing says any further growth in NHS private patient expenditure seems bound to be at the independent sector's expense. Moreover, NHS trusts are now considering competing on another front by launching their own insurance policies. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has said that this is not part of "normal" NHS work, but that has not stopped them.

In discussions with the London actuaries Universal Health Consultants, four potential insurance schemes have been suggested. These include private healthcare clubs with fast-track treatment for members, cash clubs that offer small sums to claimants when treatment requires time off work, complementary healthcare plans that provide private treatment for conditions the NHS no longer covers and policies to cover care in paybed units with NHS back-up in case of complications.

The chief benefits that trust hospitals can offer in their dedicated units are single rooms with en-suite facilities and their own catering, just as in the most modern private hospitals. The main advantages claimed for NHS paybeds are the safety of having the facilities and staff to deal with any emergencies.

Private treatment in the NHS can permit savings on subscribers' premiums of 25 per cent because of economies of scale, says David Cavers, managing director of Norwich Union Healthcare. He adds that it generates enough income to pay for elective surgery for 20,000 patients. Other industry leaders, however, are strongly critical of NHS private units, largely on the ground that trusts report only their income, not their costs, such as nursing and support staff.

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Barry Hassell, the chief executive of the Independent Health Association, says: "Until they publish fully audited accounts, we will not know whether they are making a profit or not."

He doubts that it is appropriate for the trusts to divert tax-funded resources from core NHS activity when NHS treatments are increasingly being "rationed". In the absence of better public information, he argues, it must be assumed that treatment in NHS paybeds is subsidised by the taxpayer.

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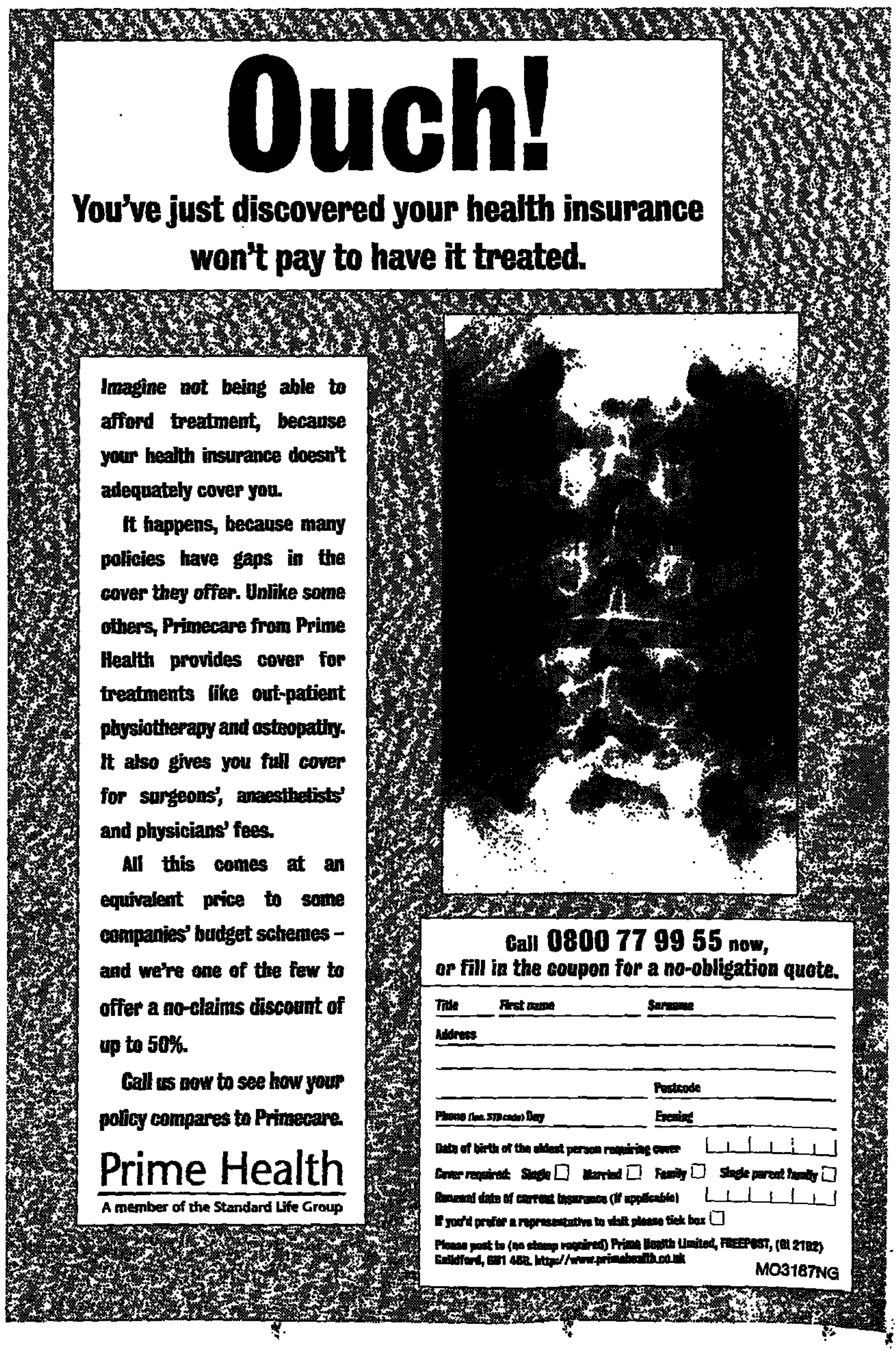

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Why prevention is better than a costly cure

Ros Drinkwater reports on how industry has realised it has a vested interest in employees' health

If you value your workforce, you value its health. This is the message firms ignore at their peril in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

It is estimated that 360 million working days are lost each year through sickness absence, at a cost of £13 billion. Over the past decade we have seen a rapid development of a whole range of healthcare services from insurance companies such as Bupa, PPP, Guardian Health, Legal & General and Norwich Union in response to the concern from large employers.

For an organisation with a £100 million wage bill, the cost of healthcare, including medical insurance and sickness absence, can amount to £5-6 million. Employers are realising that there are savings to be made by organising key performance indicators in these areas.

The concept of corporate healthcare was pioneered in 1950 for employees of the BBC. Today, of the 6.5 million Britons covered by private medical insurance, 50 per cent of the cost of the premiums is paid by companies and 25 per cent is paid by individuals at a group rate through their employer.

A recent MORI poll showed that seven out of ten companies are spending more on healthcare for employees, and 38 per cent of those have changed their policies to cover more employees and to provide more extensive health screening.

It makes sense. Heart disease is a major killer and an annual check is one of the best means of diagnosing likely victims. Two of the most prevalent forms of cancer in women — breast and cervical — can be successfully treated if detected early enough. The benefits of private medical cover come increasingly to the fore in markets where labour is tight in terms of holding on to skilled staff.

Typical of the products on offer is market leader Bupa's Business Solutions, a portfolio of healthcare packages for large, medium, and small companies.

According to the CBI, the major indicators of stress in any organisation include high staff turnover, personal conflicts, heavy smoking, and alcohol and drug abuse. Bupa's *Stress Audit* is designed to identify the major sources of pressure at work and their effect on employees, while their *Health Audit* caters for companies with an interest in who in their work force actually requires health attention.

Honeywell and Hewlett-Packard, the computer hardware manufacturers, are among the first companies to receive analysed results of their health audit. The results showed that, in both cases, the majority of employees were in good health, but there were areas that were targeted for improvement.

At Honeywell, a number of employees were found to be overweight, while at Hewlett-Packard, alcohol, lack of exercise and smoking gave cause for concern.

"We cannot interfere in the way individuals run their lives," said Melanie Gilbey of Hewlett-Packard, "but we can raise awareness and provide facilities to improve fitness. While the company would not dispose of its smoking rooms or ban drinking, we might run specific anti-drug and alcohol-related campaigns."

Complementary therapies are being included in corporate private health insurance schemes as we move towards the concept of paying a doctor to keep us fit rather than only resorting to medical advice when we are sick.

Increasingly, osteopaths are targeting their services at the business sector, with *Osteopaths For Industry* being typical of recent initiatives. Set up by Janice Kaye, a graduate of the British College of Naturopathy and Osteopathy, it offers a twofold service: training for employees and how to implement EU directives relating to the use of VDUs. The emphasis is on preventive action, and osteopathic clinics are being set up within companies.

Organisations as diverse as Claridge's hotel, the London Borough of Ealing, Merrill Lynch, the BBC and ITN have found such schemes to be of benefit, with 90 per cent of patients claiming to have been cured or improved by osteopathic treatment.

It is in the preventive field that private healthcare is proving to be of value in the workplace, so benefiting employees and employers.

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When the dentist is a friend, not foe

What do the private dental healthcare plans offer?

We have come a long way since the 1930s when in Britain's poorer communities a prized birthday present for older people was the gift of the cost of having all one's teeth extracted, *Ros Drinkwater writes.*

Yet after 50 years of NHS dentistry, says the British Dental Association, only half of the population is registered with a dentist; 44 per cent suffer from dental decay; every year four tons of decayed teeth are removed from children alone, and one in three people claims it is difficult to find an NHS dentist. According to a Harris poll published this month, six out of ten MPs from all political parties believe that there is a shortage of NHS dentists in their constituency.

To date, half-a-million patients have opted for the alternative of a private dental healthcare plan. Capitation schemes are, in effect, prepayment plans, whereby patients are covered for an individual continuing-care contract to cover routine dental care, emergency treatment, and in some cases, major dentistry such as crowns, bridges and dentures. Unlike treatment-orientated NHS practices, dentists are rewarded for the prevention of disease, rather than individual items of treatment.

Chris Lewis, whose Mid-Glamorgan practice was founded by his great grandfather in 1897, is an advocate of such schemes. "My father took the practice into the NHS with enormous enthusiasm, but the wheel came full circle in 1993 when I decided to return to private practice and joined Denplan Care," he says.

"For the patient, costs are spread over a period of time. For the practice, new financial security will finance equipment changes that would have been shelved for years under the NHS. Even more important, capitation encourages both public and professionals to think in terms of preventive dentistry. In any modern civilised society tooth decay and the resulting pain should not be regarded as inevitable."

Benefits and costs vary. Denplan Care, owned by PPP, and Bupa Dental Cover offer similar, one-tier schemes at comparable cost. Ninety per cent of Denplan members pay between £5 and £15 a month, with benefits including preventive treatment and advice, hygienist care, amalgam or white fillings as necessary, GP periodontal and surgical treatment, worldwide insurance, accident and emergency treatment cover, Hospital Cash (£50 per overnight stay) and a 24-hour helpline. Bupa Dental Cover members pay an average of £9 to £14 per month to meet the cost of all routine and major restorative dental work, with discounts for families, oral cancer screening and cover (up to £10,000) if oral cancer is diagnosed.

Multiple-tier schemes include CDC's two-tier Cost Care with the choice between a basic capitation plan, NHS, involving a refund of NHS charges, and Norwich Union's Dental Care, a four-tier plan with costs (averaging £6 to £12 per month) determined by benefits according to the tier.

For those patients happy to meet small, regular dental bills, such as check-ups, but who want to insure against major treatment, Prime Health offers a policy costing as little as £3 per month, and next week sees the launch of Guardian Health's Dental Cover, an insurance-based product aimed at the corporate market under which members may claim back the cost of typical and reasonable dentist's fees.

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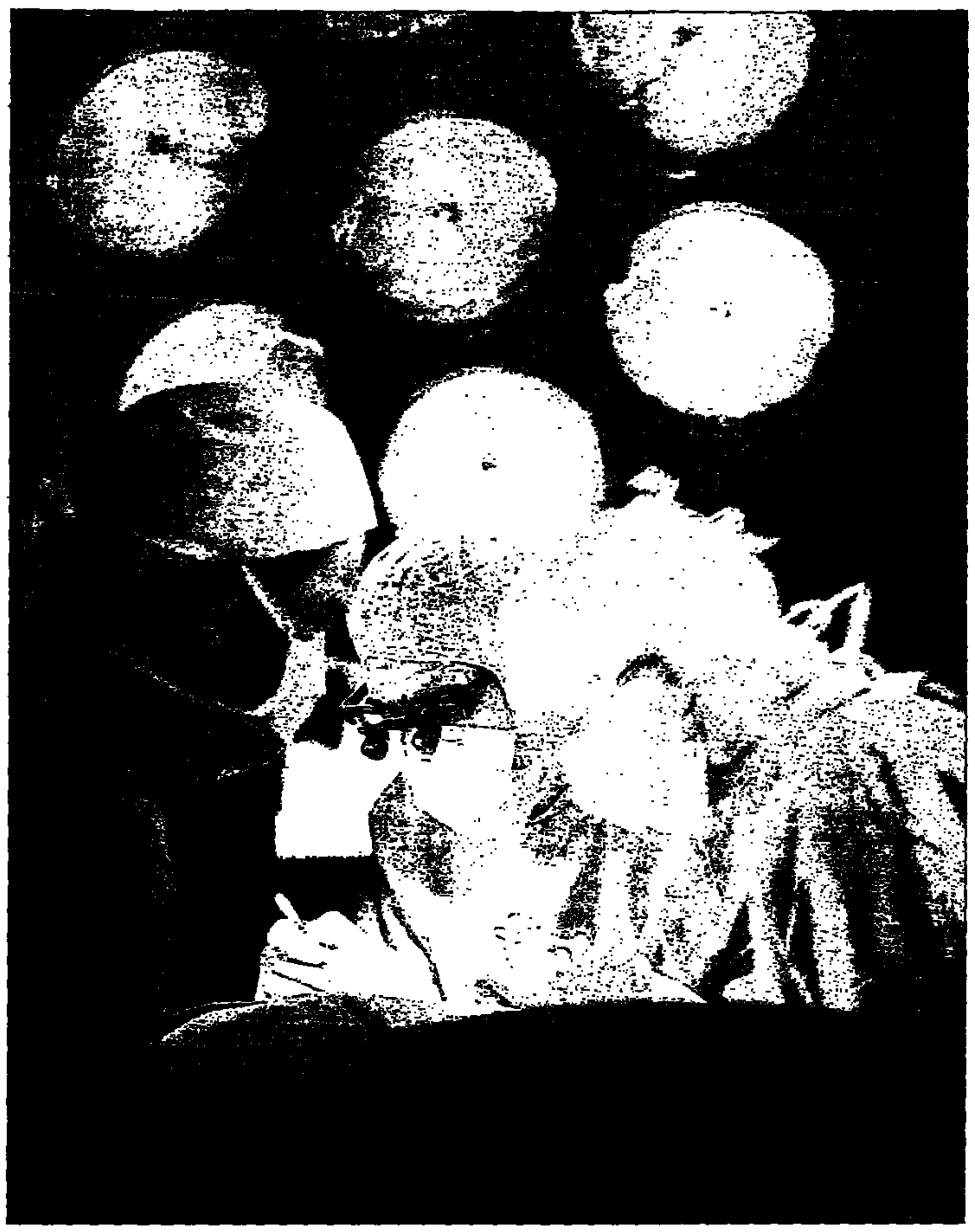

Under the knife: strong competition is hitting specialists who once ruled the roost in private care

NHS trusts may launch own paybed schemes

Although there has been little net growth in the private healthcare market since the NHS reforms of the 1980s, one sector has flourished. The largest provider of private hospital services is, surprisingly, the NHS itself, *David Loshak writes*.

There are about 3,000 NHS paybeds in all, but of these, 1,700 are in ordinary NHS wards with no identified beds or treatment areas for private patients and an occupancy rate of only 10 per cent. However, there are 1,400 beds in about 80 dedicated up-to-date NHS trust hospital paybed units, a powerful competitive force.

Collectively, they account for a sixth of the market. The NHS share of private patient business has risen by half as much again since 1988 to 16.5 per cent and its take has doubled since 1991 from £113 million to more than £225 million — a compound annual growth rate of 17 per cent compared with only 7 per cent for the independent sector.

According to the healthcare analyst William Fitzhugh, in his *Directory of NHS Trusts*, three in four of the 496 NHS Trusts are making money from private patients. However, he questions the involvement of trusts in allocating resources to what can be no better than a "peripheral activity" without carefully evaluating the demand.

"Paybeds are springing up as if there is no tomorrow," says Bupa's medical director, Andrew Vallance-Owen. He questions the wisdom of opening new private beds in a shrinking market where there is only 50 per cent occupancy of private-sector beds overall.

The health consultant William Laing says any further growth in NHS private patient expenditure seems bound to be at the independent sector's expense. Moreover, NHS trusts are now considering competing on another front by launching their own insurance policies. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has said that this is not part of "normal" NHS work, but that has not stopped them.

In discussions with the London actuaries Universal Health Consultants, four potential insurance schemes have been suggested. These include private healthcare clubs with fast-track treatment for members, cash clubs that offer small sums to claimants when treatment requires time off work, complementary healthcare plans that provide private treatment for conditions the NHS no longer covers and policies to cover care in paybed units with NHS back-up in case of complications.

The chief benefits that trust hospitals can offer in their dedicated units are single rooms with en-suite facilities and their own catering, just as in the most modern private hospitals. The main advantages claimed for NHS paybeds are the safety of having the facilities and staff to deal with any emergencies.

Private treatment in the NHS can permit savings on subscribers' premiums of 25 per cent because of economies of scale, says David Cavers, managing director of Norwich Union Healthcare. He adds that it generates enough income to pay for elective surgery for 20,000 patients. Other industry leaders, however, are strongly critical of NHS private units, largely on the ground that trusts report only their income, not their costs, such as nursing and support staff.

> ‘Trust plans include private healthcare clubs with fast-track treatment’

Barry Hassell, the chief executive of the Independent Health Association, says: "Until they publish fully audited accounts, we will not know whether they are making a profit or not."

He doubts that it is appropriate for the trusts to divert tax-funded resources from core NHS activity when NHS treatments are increasingly being "rationed". In the absence of better public information, he argues, it must be assumed that treatment in NHS paybeds is subsidised by the taxpayer.

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Amanda Loose reports on the Government's push to give independent nursing and residential homes the task of caring for the old

Nursing homes set for boom in business

Amid much controversy and calls for the Government to clarify its position on the provision of funding for long-term care for the elderly, one fact stands out.

Up to 70,000 extra places will be needed by the year 2000 in nursing and residential homes, as the elderly population, particularly those over 85, looks set to soar, according to the Independent Healthcare Association (IHA). By 2055 more than 5 per cent of the population will be 85 or more, compared with 1.7 per cent in 1994.

The answer to their healthcare seems to lie in the growing number of private residential and nursing homes, promoted by the Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell, with the independents now providing about 70 per cent of beds in the health and social care sector. The number of private nursing home beds alone increased by 12,200 from 1994 to 1995, according to Laing & Buisson, the health consultants, giving a total of 358,800 places in private nursing and residential homes in the UK in April 1995.

Their numbers are so great along the South Coast, where many people go when they retire, that there are simply too many beds at the moment, says Roger Ward, who has run Stanholm residential home in Edenbridge, Kent for ten years. The Government's funding policy has encouraged this boom, according to Barry Hartley, vice-chairman of the National Care Homes Association.

"From 1993, local authorities have received Special Transitional Grants (STG) from the Government which are ring-fenced, meaning that 85 per cent of the total must be spent on care for the elderly in the independent sector. Therefore, many local authority nursing and residential homes have become trusts, because they are then classed as independent homes."

Many groups welcome the expansion of the private sector, including the IHA which does not think the Government has gone far enough. Barry Hassell, the IHA's chief executive, says: "If the remaining local authurity homes were sold off to the independent sector, the Government could save £500 million a year and raise a large capital sum."

Funding is certainly a problem. Some local authorities have frozen or cut the subsidies they give to private homes and which are based on the figures the homes submit, says Mr Hassell. "In some areas authorities have become draconian, particularly in Derbyshire, Hertfordshire and the Wirral. Two years ago in Surrey, the local authority ran out of money and asked homes to take residents for nothing for the next few months."

Mr Hartley agrees with this. He has run Batley Hall nursing and residential home, south of Leeds, for 22 years and has seen many changes. "I think that local authorities are reducing the amount they contribute. Many authorities are keen to keep people at home and believe that this is a cheaper and better option.

"But if someone at home needs care then the costs are higher so much of the budget is used for a few people and therefore they tend to run out of money. The growing bureaucracy of care also eats into budgets, with increased numbers of care managers and contract managers," he says.

Care in private nursing homes can cost up to £500 a week. Although more than 40,000 people a year are forced to sell their homes to meet care costs, there are no firm plans or any government-backed private funding initiatives.

Residents in homes are means tested by their local authorities to determine how much they should contribute towards care costs. Single pensioners with assets of between £10,000 and £16,000 have to pay a proportion of care costs, while those with more than £16,000 — including the value of their homes — have to meet the full bill themselves.

"Funding long-term care for the elderly is a social problem which consumers are increasingly concerned about," says Tim Baker of Norwich Union Healthcare. "We need to know that if public money is not going to be available, then care will be funded privately. But to do so effectively, we would need something like the Government's personal pensions initiative, which made it clear exactly what the State would provide, and the cover people would need to take out for long-term care. There would also need to be incentives to induce people to take out cover."

Mr Hassell agrees. "Long-term care insurance policies were introduced in France, where it has taken ten years to build up about 300,000 policies. The Government must be behind any funding initiatives."

Marjory Knightley Day, of Knightley Nursing Home Services, which manages Bybrook House Nursing Home, near Box in Wiltshire and Chilton House Nursing Home near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, often comes face-to-face with the problem.

"Funding long-term care is an important issue, which many people just don't think about until they need it. Then it is sometimes too late. They think that it won't happen to them, but we have families who suddenly have to come to us with a problem. Then they have to learn about nursing and residential homes very quickly."

The garden at Bybrook House nursing home near Bath

Chilton House nursing home, near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, is managed by Knightley Nursing Home Services

Giving patients more choice in healthcare

John Stansell on the growth of private medical insurance

Private medicine has been viewed as either a justifiable alternative to the National Health Service or a system that favours the better-off. But with companies increasingly putting a high value on the good health of their employees, and the consequent rise in private medical insurance, that view is changing.

Today, some argue that the growth of private hospitals and paybeds in NHS establishments is subsidising the NHS, improving efficiency, widening choice, and making up for shortfalls in public funding. However, critics of private healthcare say that people who appear to be able to afford them are being railroaded into medical insurance contracts.

One thing both parties accept is the inevitability that the private sector will gain a greater say in the composition and management of Britain's hospitals and other healthcare institutions. What underpins this belief is the increase in the cost of welfare spending in most countries, owing to factors including advances in medical technology and the increasing longevity of their populations.

Are these trends acceptable? Yes, says the private medical insurance industry. Britain's hospitals and family doctors could not function adequately without the private sector's financial input, its sponsorship of products and services, or its provision of management expertise.

Barry Wilding of Legal & General says that the private wings and paybeds within NHS hospitals represent the largest group of private healthcare facilities in the country, larger than the solely private hospitals.

Norwich Union commissioned a report in 1995 from National Economic Research Associates which concludes that, taken across the country, each private patient delivers an average of £290 to the NHS hospital in which they are treated, even after taking into account the required 6 per cent of return on NHS assets and some attention given by junior hospital doctors to private patients. If other "hidden costs" are added in — consultant's time lost to the NHS, training of nurses and doctors and emergency intensive care — the figure still comes to £235, or £140,000 per £1 million of private patient revenue.

Critics of the way private medical insurance is developing are not against the collaboration of private and public health institutions per se, more against specific instances.

Stuart Twaddell, who runs the independent charitable St John and St Elizabeth Hospital in St John's Wood, says that a collaboration between the sectors is by and large useful. He is not, however, convinced that all the costs of private care in the NHS sector have been properly calculated, although he has no doubt that the NHS no longer subsidises its private patients. Norwich Union's NERA report has been criticised, he says, for the small number of hospitals it sampled and for its methodology.

Mr Twaddell argues that hospitals such as his provide a clearer benefit because they are more efficient than private wings and paybeds in NHS hospitals. With 15 per cent of its patients paid for by the NHS, 10 per cent by charity and 75 per cent by the private sector, St John and St Elizabeth makes a surplus that is sufficient to provide a free 36-bed hospice that is available to anybody. "It's a better method of distributing profit than private wings," he says.

These arguments will continue as the industry develops. But will the situation change if Labour wins the general election? Many in the healthcare sector doubt it, saying that despite the criticisms levelled at the Tory-style NHS, they feel the Government "has done a good job," and increased funding to meet needs.

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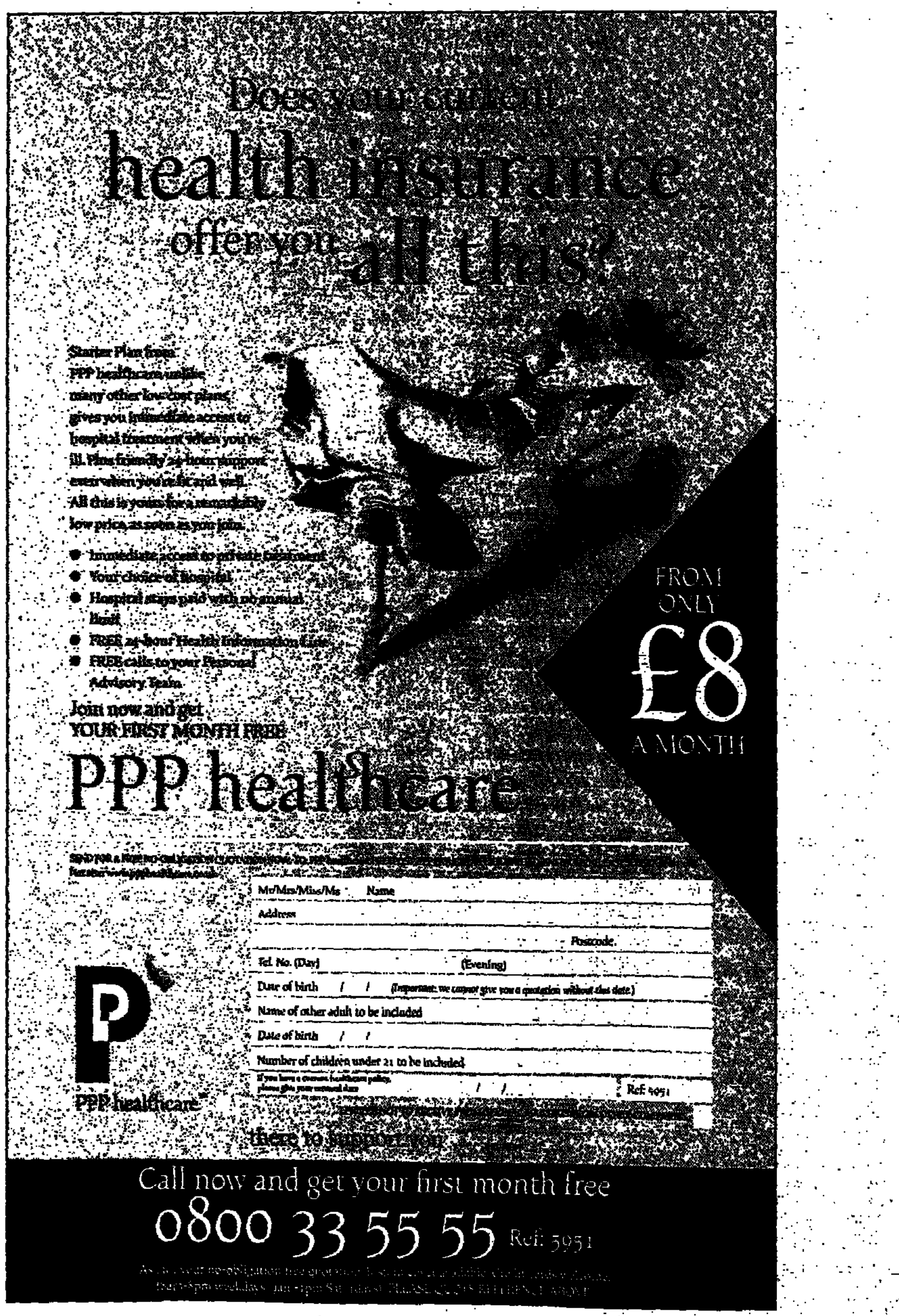

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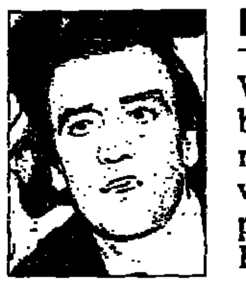

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The Arts Council has thrown a lifeline to some of its debt-swamped clients. **Richard Morrison** reports

Rescued, but it's a lottery

The arts world has its own rite of spring, and it happens months before the first cuckoo. Every December the Government tells the Arts Council of England how much subsidy it will receive, and the arts world proclaims itself as good as dead — killed by philistine politicians.

Then in late January the Arts Council announces a wondrous rebirth. The bureaucrats, it transpires, have worked a sleight of bookkeeping. The money will, after all, be just enough to go round. The show can go on.

Yesterday the Arts Council was in vintage miracle-working mode. In December it received a "standstill" grant from the Government of £186 million — or, to put it in more topical terms, the equivalent of three royal yachts — to maintain hundreds of illustrious theatre companies, galleries and orchestras. Loud were the protests.

Now, however, the Arts Council declares that it had found an extra £1.5 million by what Mary Allen, its secretary-general, describes as "tinkerings and squeezings". So two big opera companies, a dozen regional theatres and several art galleries actually receive substantial increases.

And the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, which is in dire financial condition, at last gets a public subsidy to keep its century-old Gilbert and Sullivan tradition alive. "Its standards have been much better recently," says Allen. "The company is facing closure, and the council thought that this was a huge shame." So clearly the grant has nothing to do with the pressure put on Gowrie by a gang of G&S-humming Tory grandees.

But there was a new twist to yesterday's ritual. The Arts Council also named the first organisations to benefit from its drearily-titled "stabilisation programme", instigated after the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, relaxed the lottery rules last year. "It's a terrible name," Allen admits. "We even flirted with the idea of calling it the Phoenix Fund. But that would imply that companies had to be reduced to ashes before one could resurrect them."

> ❛ Debts in the arts world are enormous at present ❜

Nevertheless, resurrection — or rescue, or bailing-out — is what stabilisation is mostly about. It offers a one-off chance for selected arts organisations to put their house, and their finances, in order. Debts in the arts are currently enormous. Regional theatres collectively are £8 million in the red. Both London opera houses are running £3 million deficits. So stabilisation is seen as a life-raft, and 129 organisations applied for 15 places on this pilot scheme.

Companies that have already received a lottery grant for a capital project are ineligible, which means that we won't have the pleasure of seeing the Royal Opera House receive another lottery handout. But English National Opera, despite being castigated in certain quarters for its "pie in the sky" plan to build a new opera house, will get stabilisation money to ease it out of its current cash crisis. And the West Yorkshire Playhouse, which seemed forever doomed to be paying off the debt on a theatre built in 1991, is now able to draw a line under that ancient column of red ink.

The Arts Council, however, is keen to portray stabilisation as more than just a way of writing off debts. Otherwise it has no defence against accusations (already flying around yesterday) that it is supporting lame managements and punishing virtue. "Yes, the majority of applicants are in there because they saw stabilisation as a way of getting their deficits paid off," Allen admits. "But we aren't simply going to write cheques. The best applicants had constructive strategies for changing themselves so that they don't get in this position again."

And at least two successful applicants had no financial problems at all. The London Symphony Orchestra — which, says Allen, made a "brilliant application" — is already riding high on plentiful subsidy. Yet it gets stabilisation funds when its main London rival, the Philharmonia Orchestra — which has achieved admirable things from a much more precarious base — does not. And then there is the Embroiderers' Guild, which is given stabilisation funds to "relocate". Just how unstable is the world of needlework?

In fact no cheques will be signed for some time. First the Arts Council will send "specialist advisers" into the companies to "develop strategies for change". Then these will be costed. The 15 companies may eventually receive £15 million between them, but this will be spread over three years. Allen expects no more than £5 million of lottery money to be spent in the first year. Compared with £78 million going to the Royal Opera House redevelopment, it's peanuts.

That might be seen as the scheme's biggest flaw. For all the fuss being made yesterday, it actually commits only a tiny part of the Arts Council's vast lottery windfall (£250 million last year) to the urgent problem of reducing its clients' debts.

Another school of thought, however, sees stabilisation as the thin end of a wedge. From now on, cynics argue, lottery money is likely to be used increasingly to bolster the dwindling arts subsidy supplied by government. Not surprisingly, that is a scenario which the Arts Council is keen to suppress. "Grants using lottery funds are strictly on a one-off basis," says Allen firmly. "They certainly can't provide revenue funding."

I wonder how quaint that idealistic notion will seem five years from now.

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

Fifteen organisations have been selected for the pilot phase of the lottery-funded stabilisation fund. They are:

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☐ **Cinema City, Norwich**
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☐ **Embroiderers' Guild**
To relocate this crafts organisation outside London

☐ **English National Opera**
An immediate plan to "close its current operating deficit"; and to create a "stock of revivable productions"

☐ **Hampshire Arts Centres Consortium**
To help six arts centres to plan for "foreseeable reductions in subsidy" after local government reorganisation

☐ **Inner City Music, Manchester**
To help this multicultural venue to tackle "serious financial difficulties" and recover its audience

☐ **The Junction, Cambridge**
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☐ **London Symphony Orchestra**
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☐ **Northern Sinfonia**
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☐ **Sheffield Museums Consortium**
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☐ **West Yorkshire Playhouse**
To clear outstanding debts from the building of its new theatre in 1991

In addition, other arts organisations benefited from "uplifts" or one-off subsidies, allocated out of the Arts Council's 1997-98 grant. They include:

☐ **D'Oyly Carte Opera Company**
The Gilbert and Sullivan company is saved from extinction by a one-off £100,000 grant, plus a possible £150,000 for touring

☐ **Donmar Warehouse**
Sam Mendes's high-profile Covent Garden theatre gets another one-off grant of £150,000

☐ **Welsh National Opera**
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Thanx for the energy

Knowing nothing about Frantic Assembly except that it is a touring company with a reputation for lively work and a home in Swansea, I did not know what to expect from its latest show. The programme gave thanks to a local butcher, and "v spesh thanx" to "Joy, Leo and Laurian for their cooking skills and general loveliness",

THEATRE

Flesh
Battersea Arts Centre

so maybe I was in for a celebration of that endangered species, the carnivore, or a politically incorrect attack on animal-righters.

Eighty minutes on, I was thoroughly disabused and, since the BAC staff had helpfully shifted me to the centre of the front row, rather wet. One of the four-person cast had just dealt with the other three in the way you and I might deal with excited cats late at night. He had thrown a bucket of water over them as, stripped to their undies, they pushed and pulled at each other in a furious display of erotic greed and aggression. "Flesh" meant sex, and sex had variously been accused of being callous, acquisitive, painful, dangerous and necessary.

Very vividly, too. This company's energy could power two or three Bransons round the world without a balloon to help. They zoom round the tiny stage, banging off the walls, flipping over each other and doing alarming acrobatics within inches of the front row. They are more selectively successful when they speak, for Spencer Hazel's script has its overwrought moments. No spesh thanx from me for such sexual euphemisms as "Sink your Bismarck in my Channel straits" or wordplay as forced as "charge of the blight brigade" or "clean bill of wealth".

But some of the evening's constituent sketches are more lifelike. Cait Davis describes a prostitute's chummy relationship with her local vice squad, deploring its replacement by ordinary coppers who fail to understand that Wednesdays are sometimes less convenient than Thursdays for an appearance in court. Scott Graham talks of earning money as a model, a kissogram, anything so as to afford a life of serial affairs. Korina Biggs and Steven Hoggett join them for a little reverie about early erotic or semi-erotic encounters with a fetishist, a gay piano teacher, a jealous father. The punishment for adultery in Iran is horribly evoked, I forget by whom.

Though I was not wholly delighted when the buxom Davis grabbed me by a lapel and mumbled something sub-Shakespearean about "lewd fellows of the baser sort", I never felt *Flesh* was frivolous, smutty or opportunistic. These actors are not cynical about their work, but they do seem pretty cynical about love, tenderness and the softer emotions. For them, sex may be defined as a means of escaping loneliness and gratifying the id which, in some societies, may end with you being buried to the neck and spending maybe ten, maybe 60 seconds being stoned to death. Sad, sad, sad.

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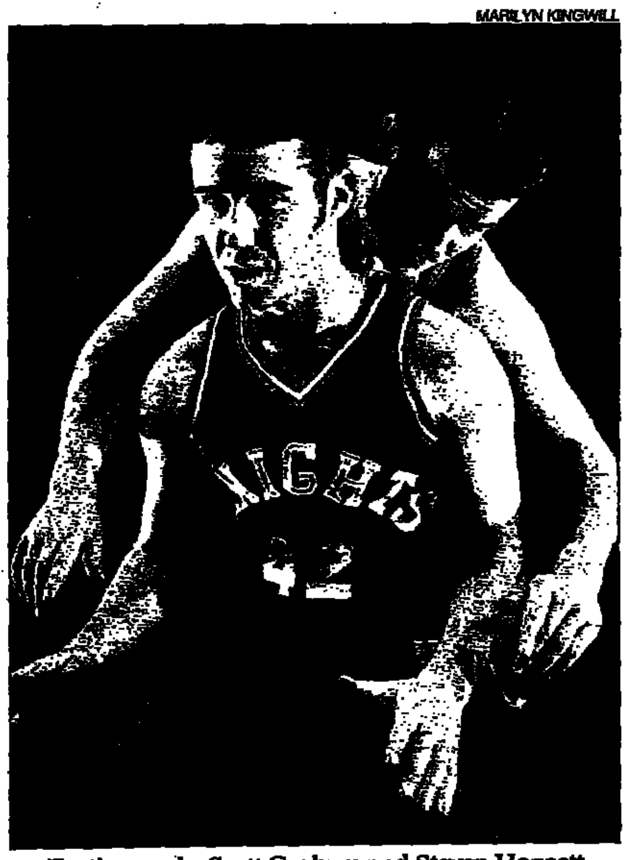

Erotic reverie: Scott Graham and Steven Hoggett

CONCERT: The Philharmonia excel under Gergiev at the Festival Hall

How to silence the piledrivers

CONSIDERABLE diplomatic skills must have been deployed in the interval of the Philharmonia's South Bank concert under Valery Gergiev on Tuesday night to persuade the contractors working on the Jubilee Line extension to suspend their activities during the second half of the programme. The dull thud of their piledrivers on the other side of the river had provided an unwanted counterpoint to Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings in C Major, but for Shostakovich's Fourth Symphony there were no such distractions.

The sheer density of sound Gergiev drew from the Philharmonia at key points of this prodigious score might reasonably have drawn protests in return, though in the concert hall it all seemed integral to the reading. That reliable judgment made Gergiev's account more powerful and convincing than ever. The idiosyncratic structure of the Fourth poses immense problems in performance. Commentators who have traditionally dismissed the work as "sprawling" have recently been rebuked by scholars who discern in the first movement, at least, an expanded sonata form with ingenious thematic transformations.

The measure of Gergiev's success was that he made that immense first movement, episodic as it is — grotesque and elegiac by turns — utterly compelling. Not once did the concentrated energy seem in danger of dissipating. The Mahlerian quality of the Ländler-like second movement was well realised, and the coiled-spring tick-tock ending beautifully controlled. The weight of sound in the finale was again thrillingly overwhelming, yet it was the eerily tranquil ending that caught the imagination.

The Philharmonia, playing excellently for Gergiev, gave an outstanding performance too of the Tchaikovsky Serenade. The textures produced, in the outer movements especially, were rich and vibrant, but thanks to Gergiev's hyperactivity they never seemed clogged. Rich sonorities and pliant phrasing combined in a deeply felt reading of the third-movement Elegy, which concluded with a truly ethereal web of sound.

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Heavy and proud of it: Reef hit a winning groove with their new album, *Glow*

THE TIMES ARTS POP

■ POP 2

Dark undertones and pretty tunes notwithstanding, Marcella Detroit still loses the plot on *Feeler*

■ POP 3

Those veteran punks, the Stranglers, jump through the old hoops again on *Written in Red*

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts *and entertainment* compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

DEBUSSY DAY: The French pianist **Philippe Cassard** performs Debussy's complete piano works in recitals at 11.30am, 2.30pm, 5pm and 7.30pm. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Sunday. Ⓢ

FESTIVAL HALL: A busy three days begins with Paavo Berglund conducting the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in works by Joonas Kokkonen, Sibelius and Nielsen (tonight, 7.30pm). Tomorrow (7.30pm), in the third of seven monthly recitals, **Maurizio Pollini** continues his chronological survey of all the Beethoven piano sonatas. At 3.15pm on Sunday, the **Chilingirian String Quartet** is joined by Simon Rowland-Jones, viola, Andrew Marriner, clarinet, and Leon McCawley, piano, for an all-Mozart programme in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign. The weekend ends (Sunday, 7.30pm) with the **London Philharmonic Orchestra** playing Beethoven's stormy *Egmont Overture*, Szymanowski's First Violin Concerto (Daniel Stabrawa) and Brahms's rapturous Second Symphony. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight-Sun, various times.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY: **Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780): An African Man of Letters** (today-May 11) explores the life of the former slave who became a respected figure in the literary, artistic and musical circles of 18th-century London. Meanwhile, the Photography Gallery presents **Variations on a Theme: 150 Years of Photographs of British Composers** (today-May 26), which includes a collection of chlorobromide prints of John Ireland and Peter Warlock, and a sepia bromide of Sir Edward Elgar. **National Portrait Gallery**, St Martin's Place, WC2 (0171-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, midday-6pm.

ELSEWHERE

BELFAST: Yuri Temirkanov conducts the **St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra** in an all-Tchaikovsky programme tonight and an all-Rachmaninov programme tomorrow. A third concert on Sunday includes music by Stravinsky and Shostakovich. **Waterfront Hall**, Oxford Street (01232 334455). Tonight-Sun, 8pm Ⓢ

BIRMINGHAM: Music by Shostakovich, Weill and Firsova precede the world premiere performance of Gerard McBurney's new work, *Desire*. Narrator Simon Callow and mezzo-soprano Susan Bickley join the **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group** and singers from the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus. The conductor is Mark Elder. **Adrian Boult Hall**, Birmingham Conservatoire, Paradise Place (0121-236 5622). Sunday, 7.30pm

GLASGOW: Clyde Unity Theatre presents the first major stage adaptation of one of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* novels: **Babycakes**. The familiar characters find their doings tangled up with a royal visit to California. John Binnie adapts. Ian Brown directs. **Tron**, 63 Trongate (0141-552 4267). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tue-Sun, 8pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 2. Transfers to the Drill Hall, London, on Feb 5.

LONDON GALLERIES

Alan Cristea: Mixed Stock Show (0171-439 1866) .. **Barbican**: Dreamings — Tjukurrpa (0171-638 4141) .. **Delfina**: Wim Delvoye (0171-357 6600) .. **European Academy/Accademia Italiana**: Twentieth Century Italian Art from Symbolism to Scuola Romana (0171-235 0303) .. **Festival Hall**: The Scenic Eye: Visual Art and the Theatre (0171-960 4242) .. **National Theatre**: Snowdon on Stage (0171-928 2252) .. **The October**: Transvangarde (0171-242 7367) .. **Saatchi**: Fiona Rae, Gary Hume (0171-624 8299) .. **Tom Blau**: The Goddesses: Photographs by Yevonde (0171-378 1300)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

■ **ART**: Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in an exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm.

◩ **BLACK BREAD AND CUCUMBER**: Carolina Blakiston's witty and affectionate account of her experience as the first British actress to play Chekhov in Russia, in Russian. Her role was the ever-hungry governess in *The Cherry Orchard*, hence the title. **Jermyn Street**, 16b Jermyn Street, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Today and tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon and Tue, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 5pm.

◩ **BLOOD AND ICE**: Revival of Liz Lochhead's first play, telling of the birth of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, in the company of Byron and Percy Bysshe. Enjoyable play, acted with skill. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until February 2

■ **GUYS AND DOLLS**: Richard Eyre revives his famous production of the Frank Loesser musical. Imelda Staunton recreates her role of Miss Adelaide. With Harry Goodman, Clarke Peters and Joanna Riding. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Tue, Wed, Thurs, 2pm; Sat 2pm.

◩ **MACBETH**: Fascinating production by Tim Albery, with Roger Allam and Brid Brennan as Mr and Mrs Thane. Adrian Schiller is the funniest Porter ever seen. **Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. In rep.

◩ **70 HILL LANE**: An intriguing work by Phelim McDermott for Improbable Theatre, telling of the three days in his childhood when his house was haunted by a poltergeist. Memorably described as "Blue Velvet meets Blue Peter". **BAC**, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Today-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm. Then February 11-23 (except Sun)

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**: Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THREE CHAMBER PLAYS**: Three shortish plays by Strindberg about soured or poisonous relationships — *Storm*, *After the Fire*, *The Ghost Sonata* — that should gain from being played together. Presented in pairs, with the trilogy on Thurs and Sats. Ring box office for details of pairings. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Wed and Fri, 7.30pm, Thurs and Sat, 6.30pm. Until Feb 1

◩ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?**: Diana Rigg and David Suchet in Howard Davies's powerful Almeida production of Albee's searing play. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. Until March 22

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) .. ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) .. ◩ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) .. ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) .. ◩ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) .. ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

FLIRTING WITH DISASTER (15): Lively black satire about a young man's search for his real parents, from *Spanking the Monkey* director David O. Russell. With Ben Stiller and Patricia Arquette.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE FRIGHTENERS** (15): Peter Jackson's jokey thriller about a psychic swindler (Michael J. Fox) who tumbles upon a supernatural killing spree.
Empire Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

LIKE GRAINS OF SAND: Compelling Japanese drama about love and sexual identity among high school students. Director, Ryosuke Hashiguchi.
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

◆ **THAT THING YOU DO!** (PG): Smooth, bland adventures of a one-hit pop group of the 1960s, written and directed by Tom Hanks. With Tom Everett Scott and Liv Tyler.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

WELCOME TO THE DOLLHOUSE (15): Todd Solondz's riveting and unsettling comic look at a gawky girl's puberty. With Heather Matarazzo.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

YOUR BEATING HEART (15): François Dupeyron's tale of adulterous love in Paris, made in 1991; with Dominique Faysse, Thierry Fortineau.
NFT (0171-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **DAYLIGHT** (12): Sylvester Stallone rescues a cross-section of humanity from a blazing New York tunnel. Amusing old-style disaster movie. Director, Rob Cohen.
Empire (0990-888 990) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

◆ **THE GHOST AND THE DARKNESS** (15): Man-eating East African lions cause trouble for Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas. Historical action drama with intellectual trimmings. Director, Stephen Hopkins.
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◆ **THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES** (PG): Barbra Streisand directs and stars in this absurd, glossy comedy-romance about teachers experimenting with a sexless marriage. With Jeff Bridges.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **SHINE** (12): Child prodigy pianist crumples under the strain. Uplifting, often funny treatment of a true story from Australian director Scott Hicks. With Geoffrey Rush.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

Reef's ability to come up with superlative heavy rock makes their second album, Glow, an invigorating experience

Four Free spirits

POP ALBUMS: Bona-fide blasting, hairy, heavy rock is back, and Reef have it sussed, says **David Sinclair**

REEF
Glow
(Sony S^2 486 940 *£13.99*)

THE besetting vice of modern heavy rock music is its lack of a groove. While the originators of the genre — such as Free, Led Zeppelin and AC/DC — understood the importance of injecting swing into the rhythm section's step, their copyists, by and large, seem to think that cranking up the volume is enough.

That is why Reef, whose name is a respectful anagram of Free, stand so far above the current competition. Certainly they play well, and Gary Stringer is a brilliant vocalist, his Neanderthal roar the nearest thing that the 1990s has produced to rival Mick Jagger's glottal delivery. But it is the band's ability to come up with some superlative heavy rock that makes their second album, *Glow*, such an invigorating experience.

The album has virtually no guitar solos and little flab. What it does boast is plenty of memorable choruses and a wonderful swagger. In particular, the sledgehammer riffs of *I Would Have Left You* and *Summer's in Bloom* are nothing short of sublime.

MARCELLA DETROIT
Feeler
(AAA/Total AAA CD1 *£15.49*)

WHATEVER went wrong with Marcella Detroit? Three years ago, when she emerged from the chart-topping Shakespears Sister with a sparkling debut album, *Jewel*, her fortune looked assured. That record underperformed dramatically, and her recent single, *Boy*, also missed the boat, despite plenty of airplay.

Dropped by her record company after *Jewel*, she is back with *Feeler*, released on her own label. But still the pieces of the jigsaw refuse to fall into place and she now finds herself in no man's land, squeezed between the new breed of oddball pop acts (such as Alisha's Attic) and tougher rock'n'roll types, such as Garbage.

A confident combination of orchestrated acoustic pop and occasionally rockier material, *Feeler* sounds good in places and demonstrates that Detroit still has a knack for lacing pretty tunes with dark undercurrents. But there is nothing particularly fresh about *Feeler*, and one suspects that nothing short of an Armand Van Helden remix will give her career the lift it needs.

THE STRANGLERS
Written In Red
(When! Recordings/Castle Communications WEN CD 009 *£13.99*)

THERE is no mystery about what went wrong with the Stranglers. Since the departure of singer and guitarist Hugh Cornwell in 1990, the superannuated punks have failed to forge a new identity, preferring to replicate the look and sound that provided them with a string of hits until the late 1980s.

The strategy continues with *Written in Red*: Singer Paul Roberts still sounds like a poor man's Cornwell as they sail through a respectable set of new compositions in a familiar vein, but without ever quite putting their finger on the old magic.

DOUGIE MACLEAN
The Dougie MacLean Collection
(Putumayo World Music M117 *£14.49*)

THE little-known, but apparently influential Scottish folk singer Dougie MacLean has been turning out albums on his own label since 1983. Now the rest of the world is starting to take notice, and this compilation of his best-known material, including *Caledonia* (a minor hit for Frankie Miller in 1992), is released to coincide with a BBC2 documentary, *Song Roads*, to be screened tomorrow.

While vigorously parading his Scottish roots in romantic rhymes which talk of "highland dreams" and "mountain streams", MacLean's singing voice and gentle, acoustic guitar style betray the middle-of-the-road, transatlantic leanings that have earned him the dubious soubriquet of "the Scottish James Taylor".

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Spice**	Spice Girls (Virgin)
2	**Evita**	Original Soundtrack
3	**Blue is the Colour**	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
4	**Falling Into You**	Celine Dion (Epic)
5	**Ocean Drive**	Lighthouse Family (Wild Card)
6	**Travelling Without Moving**	Jamiroquai (Sony S^2)
7	**Greatest Hits**	Simply Red (East West)
8	**Older**	George Michael (Virgin)
9	**Everything Must Go**	Manic Street Preachers (Epic)
10	**Secrets**	Toni Braxton (LaFace)

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Chorus of the Apple

BILL MAYS
Mays in Manhattan
(Concord CCD-4738)

ALTHOUGH a native of Sacramento, the pianist and composer Bill Mays has lived in New York since 1984, and this album employs both his core trio (bassist Sean Smith, drummer Tim Horner) and a small supplementary horn section to explore musical reactions to the city of composers ranging from Horace Silver and Jim Hall to Billy Joel and Rodgers and Hart. Mays's sextet arrangements are typically neat, brisk affairs in which attractively harmonised heads are succeeded by a series of bustling solos from alto player Jon Gordon, trombonist Ed Neumeister and big-band trumpeter supreme Marvin Stamm. But the contrast between their respective approaches, by emphasising what Mays calls "the melting-pot aspect of New York", intelligently elucidates the album's theme.

The trio tracks, too, from Billy Strayhorn's plangent *U.M.M.G.* to Lennie Tristano's quirky *317 E. 32nd St.* not only present an appropriately multi-faceted portrait of the world jazz capital, but highlight the thoughtful lucidity of an oddly underrated pianist.

BILLY JENKINS WITH THE BLUES COLLECTIVE
S.A.D.
(Babel BDV 9615)

IN HIS capacity as pretension-pricking gadfly to the jazz world, Billy Jenkins has found an area packed with rich pickings in the blues. Anyone who's ever suffered either the mawkish self-pity or the macho strutting frequently associated with the genre's less gifted practitioners will derive great satisfaction from Jenkins's deadpan irony. On the other hand, anyone who loves the blues well played will also enjoy its music, since Jenkins, whether in Hubert Sumlin or B.B. King mode, consistently produces the goods with a series of blistering guitar solos set against a tight, vigorous band. Highlights are the intimately lingering "confessional" blues and the up-tempo jams on which Jenkins is joined by the Fun Horns of Berlin, but the musical joke is deftly sustained throughout.

CHRIS PARKER

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Welcome back, Brettpop

If ever a band has experienced the fickle nature of fame it is Suede. The group that the giants of Britpop were supposed to have buried are currently enjoying the last laugh. Any day now, their third album, *Coming Up*, will be certified platinum for sales of 300,000 copies in Britain. Their new single, *Saturday Night*, is sitting pretty at No 6 in the chart. And their tour, which opens on Sunday, is virtually sold out, with shows in Brighton and Edinburgh having to be switched to larger venues to accommodate the demand for tickets.

Can this be the same Suede whose demise was so confidently predicted only two years ago? Back then, in the wake of guitarist and co-songwriter Bernard Butler's abrupt departure from the group and the relative failure of their gloriously ambitious second album, *Dog Man Star*, it was as if open season had been declared on the band.

The music press, which had previously championed the group like no other before them, suddenly went cold, while the rising stars of Britpop gleefully took potshots at will. Suede's new guitarist, Richard Oakes, was derided for his youth and inexperience, while singer Brett Anderson was deemed to be overweight and over the hill.

"It was a nightmare," Anderson recalls. "We'd had two or three years of microscopic attention and severe praise, with everyone saying Suede are the saviours of guitar music, and then all of a sudden there was a chink in the armour that people could get their knives into. It annoyed me because you shouldn't have a go at someone about a line-up change or because of how they look in photographs. You should base your criticism of a band on the work they put out."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Brett Anderson does his lungs no good at all while reflecting on the return of Suede from limbo to a No 1 album and sold-out tour, starting on Sunday

Suede, to their eternal credit, did not rise to the bait. Anderson maintained a dignified silence, not only about the rift with Butler, but also in response to the insults from other bands. He still declines to comment on Butler — whose subsequent alliance with the singer David McAlmont ended in a very public spat — and treads warily when it comes to the quarrelsome nature of the new wave of British stars that came up in Suede's wake.

"I was pretty miserable for a year or so," Anderson says. "And I still get the sense that, for a lot of people in the 1990s, the whole point of being in a band is to brag about it and get as many steps up the ladder so you can piss on the people below. But music is far more important than that."

Instead of trading insults with the new boys, Suede responded to the challenge by writing and recording *Coming Up*, a brilliant collection of songs that went to No 1 last September. With an additional new member in multi-instrumentalist and singer Neil Codling on board, their reinvention was complete and they set about touring with a relentless hunger and enthusiasm that put most of the newer acts to shame.

"There's a lot of bitchiness and negativity in the music business in the 1990s," Anderson says. "Anyone who wants to do anything a bit frivolous or a bit strange or less set in the standard rock'n'roll mould comes in for a lot of criticism. But I do believe that once you look after your musical house then everything else around it follows. And that's what I've always tried to do."

Sitting in his record company offices on the eve of Suede's latest round of dates, Anderson looks sensational. Taller than you would expect, he is tanned and relaxed after a six-day holiday in the Caribbean; and supermodel thin. He says he lost weight and regained his natural optimism for life by cutting down drastically on his intake of drink and drugs.

"In your twenties life seems to be this golden path stretching out miles before you, then you start to notice cracks appearing. I'm 29 now, old enough for my body to start misbehaving if I don't look out."

While hardly one to moan about the "pressures of fame", Anderson readily admits that the extraordinary attention which Suede initially received did have an adverse effect on his personality.

"Too much press and drugs always breed paranoia and self-obsession," he says. "I did turn into a bit of a caricature after the first album, going off to this strange, rambling house in Highgate and writing strange things. I'm sure the coverage we got was a factor in Bernard's decision to leave. Some people simply aren't cut out for coping with that kind of attention."

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He tells a revealing story about the meeting he had with the group's record company which resulted in the selection of *We are the Pigs* as the first single to be released from *Dog Man Star*. It turned out to be a disastrous choice which barely scraped into the Top 20 and got the album off to a resoundingly poor start.

"The head of Sony and everyone from the record company said: 'Not *We are the Pigs*'," he remembers. "But I insisted it had to be the first single. I was convinced it was this incredibly uniting anti-anthem and of course I was completely wrong. I'd misread people's perception of the song. I'd lost my perspective on reality."

That he can now so cheerfully admit culpability in such matters speaks volumes about Anderson's current frame of mind, and the chances of him turning into another Morrissey now seem remote. Indeed, he roundly applauds the recent court ruling in favour of Morrissey's former bandmate Mike Joyce, drummer for the Smiths, who claimed that the singer had done him out of his fair share of the group's earnings. "People often ask me if I've thought of starting a solo career. Not in a million years. Being in Suede is where it's at for me," Anderson concludes.

● *Suede's British tour starts at St George's Hall, Bradford, on Sunday. They then play Poole Jan 27; Guildford Jan 28; Cambridge Jan 30; Brighton Feb 3; Folkestone 4; Reading Feb 5; Plymouth Feb 7; Watford Feb 8; York Feb 9; Middlesborough Feb 11; Edinburgh Feb 13; Carlisle Feb 14; Blackburn Feb 15*

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Kingston's king of skank steps out

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Ernest Ranglin
Jazz Café, NW1

HE LOOKS like Nelson Mandela and he practically invented reggae. Ernest Ranglin is one of those legendary sidemen who is to be heard playing on a hundred records in everyone's collection, but whose name has remained unknown.

That is beginning to change, with last year's acclaimed solo album *Below the Bassline* and now these gigs. Ranglin arranged the smash hit *My Boy Lollipop* for Millie Small, which introduced Jamaican rhythms to the world in 1964, and has since worked with just about every artist who has ever entered a studio in downtown Kingston, from Bob Marley to Jimmy Cliff. This was the man, it is said, whose guitar slowed down the ska rhythm and turned it into that famous *ka-chicka* reggae beat.

Yet you get the feeling that Ranglin is happiest playing not reggae at all but jazz, albeit of a heavily Caribbean-tinged variety. Ranglin does all the things jazzers do — he plays two sets, uses a double bass and a grand piano.

His first set was very jazzy. "On guitar, George Benson," he teased, as he introduced himself and the band. It is no joke, for in this mood his fluid lines sound distinctly like the smooth American jazz-funkster, and even a reggae tune like *Congo Man* could pass muster in a cocktail lounge.

The crowd was politely appreciative but had come primarily to hear those skanking Jamaican rhythms. Ranglin knew it and in the second set he did not disappoint. The sound was immediately scratchier, dirtier as he chugged out *King Tubby meets the Rockers*.

Those who had listened patiently through the first set began to move their feet as the guitarist glided rhythmically through ska, rocksteady and reggae beats. There is no trickery, no dub or echo, just four honest instrumentalists playing the best Jamaican grooves you ever heard at the highest level of musicianship.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Jam without gel

JAZZ

Theman, Weller and Barnes
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DON WELLER and Art Theman have worked together for so long that in a quintet setting they fit comfortably, like an old pair of slippers. But by adding a third frontline voice in the person of Alan Barnes, more was needed than a few perfunctory head arrangements to show off each saxophonist's individual voice and to create a convincing ensemble sound. Halfway through a tour that takes in a variety of venues, the sextet could have done with a firmer hand to impose more structure on what amounted to a formal concert at Warwick University's studio theatre.

The addition of Barnes to the group (which uses Dave Newton's trio as its rhythm section) has bought a pugnacious, combative ingredient to the sound. In their solos, he and Newton showed a degree of commitment and passion largely absent from the others. The band worked best in a hard bop/soul jazz groove, with *Old Blues Eyes* and *Sister Sadie* standing out.

In the past Newton has seemed a rather clinical pianist, but both with the trio and when the others dropped back to leave him playing alone, he showed maturity, depth and feeling. From time to time, Newton himself fell out, leaving the rhythm to Arnie Somogyi's subtle bass and the tense drumming of Dave Barry. Weller came into his own in this setting, and his even tone and upper harmonics were impressive.

Theman's solos were understated and his ballad feature lacked the bite and individuality he characteristically displays. Barnes showed a beguiling mixture of vigour and originality. Having opted for a loose, jamming atmosphere, it was a disappointment that his frontline partners failed to rise to the challenge he presented.

ALYN SHIPTON

Give us passion, not precision

Get out of the studios and record your next track in the bathroom to rediscover some rock'n'roll excitement, says **Caitlin Moran**

Joe Meek, the producer of *Telstar*, used to do it in his bathroom. Björk did it in the toilets of a London club. Luscious Jackson have just finished doing it in their drummer's flat, and the Stooges, bless them, did it live on stage and split up immediately afterwards.

The success of White Town's *Your Woman* — straight in at Number One, recorded in a bedroom on a four-track machine, and making many bands rethink their strategy — has reaffirmed that the best music doesn't always come from glossily expensive studios. The kind of music that makes you want to change your life just needs a little bit of equipment and a lot of spirit and verve. Unfortunately, studios offer the exact opposite. Passion, tenderness and anger have to be summoned up in airless, windowless bunkers full of bored people.

Studios frequently ruin bands — there are countless tales of squabbles, fights and resignations issuing from various dim basements all over Britain. Tears For Fears' five-year stretch recording *The Seeds of Love* became so fraught that Curt Smith quit after Roland Orzabel spent six weeks on one drum programme; and Radiohead found the pressure of recording *The Bends* so great that they had to arrange a gig fast, just to remind themselves what being Radiohead was all about.

Studios, and modern recording practices, are so bizarre and distanced from the original gut-kick of rock that it's a wonder there have been any decent albums in the past 30 years. In the olden days of black and white and moptops, albums were recorded by bands simply playing a gig in a room with microphones. There were relatively few remakes or overdubs, and any "mistakes" were simply regarded as part of the song. Albums would be recorded in a week, bands kept up their momentum, and as the time difference between the conception of a song and its release was so little, the hits were released while their subject matter was still current.

These days, it generally takes a year or more for songs to see the light of day — bands spend upwards of four months in the studio, without the release of playing together to ease any tension. Recording is an abstract, disjointed affair — four members will slope off to the pub while the fifth lays down his bit, "jamming" with nothing more exciting than a click track to keep him in time. Why has timing been prioritised over everything else? Musicians should be recording to the sounds of teenage boys screaming, cool girls exclaiming "This band define the zeitgeist," and dudely old rockers exclaiming "Hey man, there's Mama Cass choking on a sandwich!", in order to promote that rock'n'roll excitement.

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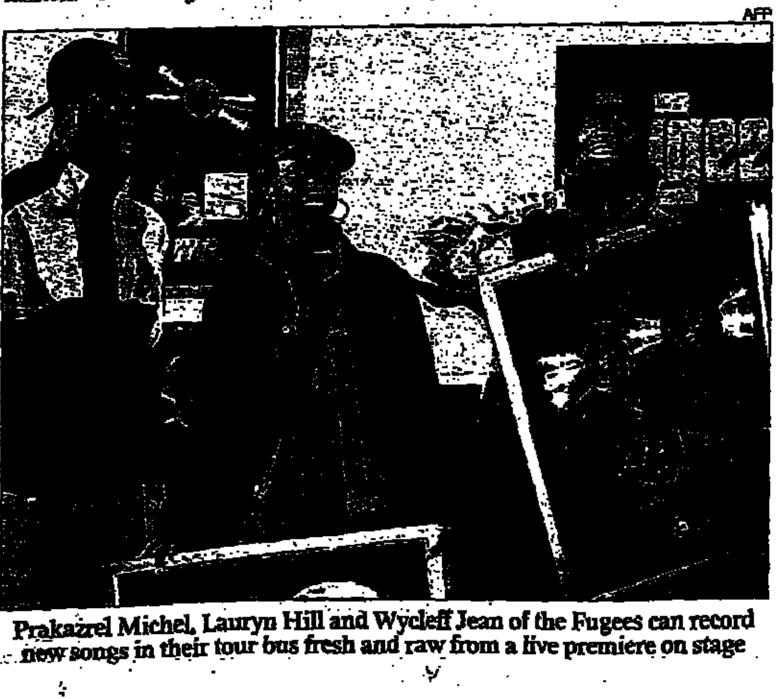

Prakazrel Michel, Lauryn Hill and Wycleff Jean of the Fugees can record new songs in their tour bus fresh and raw from a live premiere on stage

Some bands have abandoned studios altogether. With fees for a fairly average studio running at £1,500 a day, shrewder pop stars invest three days' studio budget in equipment and record at home. The success of Babybird's *You're Gorgeous* drew attention to the fact that songwriter Steve Jones recorded his previous five albums at home. Both *Firestarter* and *Breathe* by the Prodigy were recorded at home. The Fugees have a 48-track studio on their tour bus; new songs are premiered on stage and recorded within the hour — still raw and full of rock vitamins. Trying to remember and reproduce emotions in a studio three months later leads to all manner of stinkiness — the Cranberries' last album, for one.

Of course, in the late Sixties, when the move towards more "adult" and "progressive" music meant that bands needed ever more advanced equipment, studios were the only option. Effects units in those days were huge — engineers would drive the latest ones in the studio and park them with difficulty. Bands would live inside them for weeks. Some think Lord Lucan may be raising a family in ELO's old echo-chamber. But as microchips got cheaper in the Eighties, and started being incorporated into small, portable keyboards and samplers rather than being wasted on bombs and the like, the difference between the gear in a studio and the stuff you can pick up in any music shop became tiny. *Your Woman* by White Town was recorded on equipment that totalled less than £1,000, in the songwriter's parents' house; and, as any pop star will agree, the benefits of having your mum ready to comfort you when your sampler breaks down and refuses to do anything other than make a disturbing "ping" sound are immeasurable.

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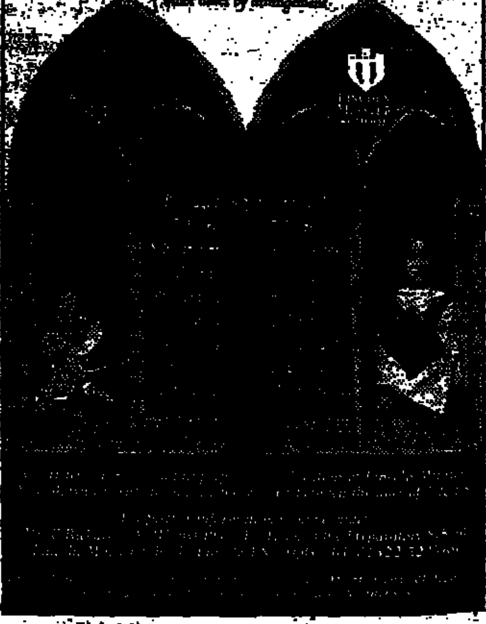

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David McMurray and **Susan Elkin** report from the front line of an educational sector that is changing its old image

Pupils at work and play at Benenden School in Kent, from an "essay" by the photographer Markéta Luskačová. The school commissioned the work in an imaginative attempt to present its essential quality to parents of prospective pupils

Boarding schools fight back

Three years ago, in an article in *The Times*, I wrote that critics of boarding education were seeking evidence of terminal illness from the decline in the number of pupils who attend boarding schools, and were anxious to read the last rites. They are still waiting; we are not.

The system is alive and not only fighting back against the effects of the recession but adapting itself in line with changes in society and the marketplace. Boarding school heads are often accused of a lack of understanding of the "real" world (whatever that is), but they have been aware for some time that they can best approach the market through marketing and improve public opinion through public relations. Some may have longed for a return to the days when a good school's reputation caused generations of mothers and daughters and fathers and sons to beat a well-trodden path to their doors, but all recognised that those days have gone for ever.

Let no-one be in doubt as to the unchanging [illegible] of [illegible] product is seen as the learning environment or the pupils themselves. However, the changing nature of prospective pupils and their parents — who are our customers — poses challenges that we must all confront. But just what are those changes affecting our traditional clientele and what new markets should we be exploring?

These are some of the questions that a group of boarding school heads have been addressing in informal meetings. In recent years we have witnessed many changes in the admissions process: fathers have relinquished a large part of their traditional role as the decision-makers in prospective families — first to the mothers, then to the children themselves — and our traditional parents, one or both of whom went to a boarding school, are now outnumbered by first buyers. But could we analyse our market in finer detail?

The time seemed ripe to bring in a professional organisation to advise. The Henley Centre took on the project, to examine social trends as they affect boarding, to explore boarding as a market and to review its recent commercial record — and likely future performance — on the basis of current trends.

Their findings made fascinating reading: statistics on [illegible] lone-parent families, family democracy in decision-making, flexibility and convenience for the working woman, changing values in society.

Under the heading "Boarding: towards a modernisation of appeal and approach" were suggested a list of reasons that could be offered to parents to choose boarding. To the traditional statement, "We will provide your children with a sound social, moral and educational start in life", must be added: "We will work on those qualities needed for tomorrow's job market: personal responsibility, self-motivation and adaptability".

It is crucial to establish and keep in view what prospective parents think of boarding and to speak to them in a language they understand. The Henley report highlighted various types of parent, ranging from the "ideologues" (opposed to boarding in principle) to the "traditionalists" (who would not consider anything else).

Between the two extremes are Attached Parents ("I couldn't let him go; I'd miss him too much") and other groups, including "Double-income-in-a-hurry" (the busy partnerships of two hard-working parents) and "Nervous New Money" (those who can afford boarding but have no experience of it and do not know how to go about finding out).

The last two are key target groups. The first is typified by a mother who told a Henley interviewer: "We are both so busy now. By the time I have dropped them at school and been to work and then picked them up again, I'm shattered. I don't have the energy to give them quality time. From that point of view, maybe boarding is a good idea. At least I would see them when I am more relaxed."

The second group is typified by the response of one father. "My daily world is tough," he said, "so I am quite competitive about giving my child the best chance I can. But I really would not know where to start."

Both of these statements ring true to me and, I am sure, to other heads. We know that boarding itself has changed; perhaps from this survey we shall be able to see more clearly how the market has changed, and develop our strategy accordingly. We have inherited marvellous facilities and noble traditions. Our challenge (and is it not everyone's today?) is to retain the best of the past while planning and adapting for the future.

> Fathers have handed over the role of decision-maker to their wives and children

DAVID MCMURRAY

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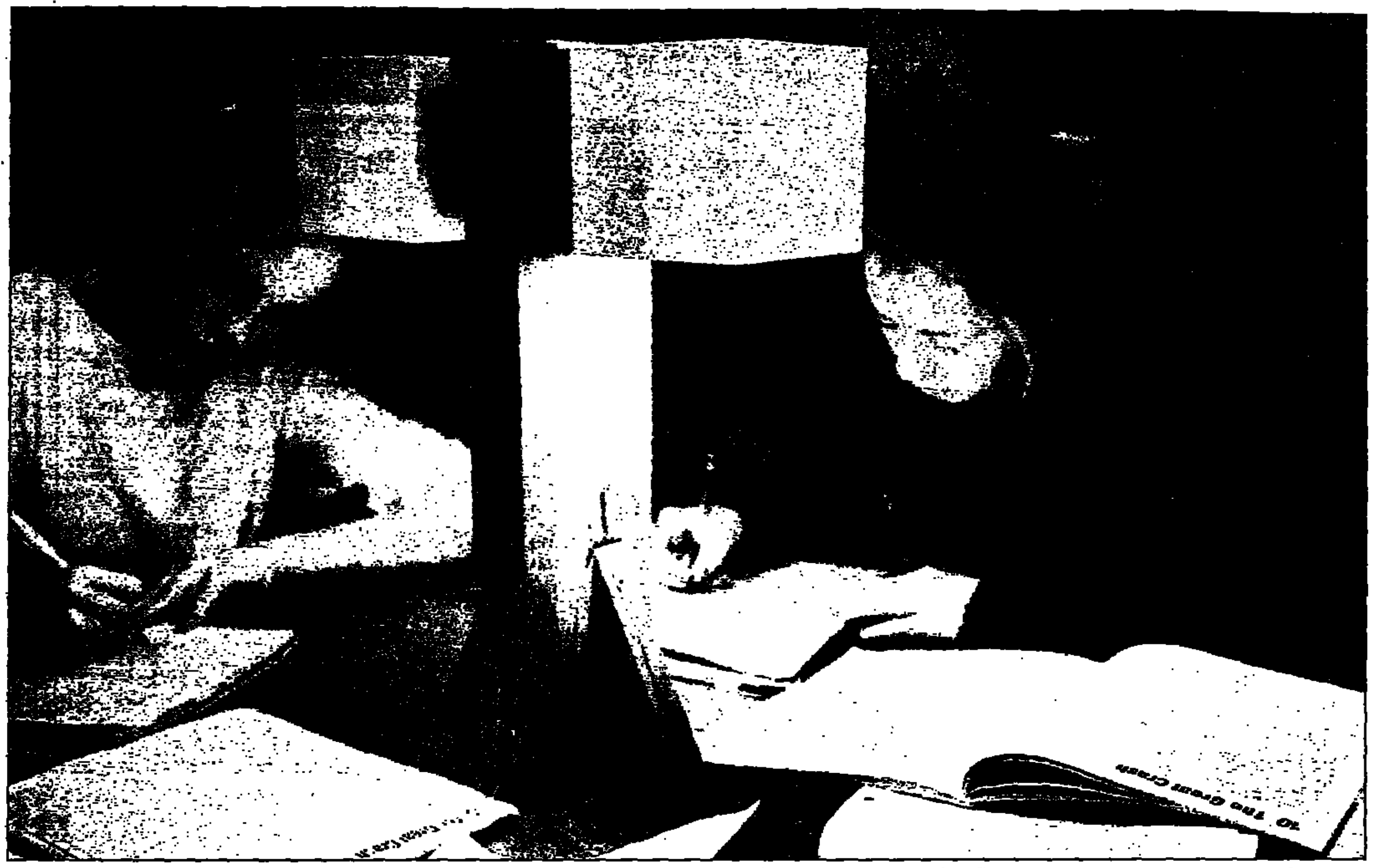

One of the photographs by Markéta Luskačová. Over a three-month period of watching the students and staff at work and play, she took 25,000 shots

Benenden puts itself in focus

Boarding has become a difficult commodity to sell. Countless television programmes and newspaper articles have highlighted the unhappiness of some boarders in previous generations. It is only the ones who loathed it who speak out, on the whole, so their voices are not representative — but it doesn't help the schools now. Boarding is also very expensive. Even some families for whom boarding school is a long tradition are turning away from it.

Yet in many ways boarding, at least for their teenage children, is the answer for a family where both parents have demanding, time-consuming jobs. The new-style boarding-school parent is often a first-time user.

Lack of daily travelling and a wealth of onsite extracurricular activity are significant bonuses. It is easier, moreover, to maintain a work-orientated ethos if everyone is there in the evenings and at weekends for independent study.

Boarding houses in the 1990s tend to be cheerful, cosy places. They have certainly changed dramatically in the past 50 years. Most boarders' parents live within an hour or two of their children's school. Therefore they can pop in frequently for plays, matches, social events, meetings and birthdays.

There is no doubt that boarding — in spite of the decline in take-up numbers in recent years — has much to offer. Schools such as Roedean, Harrow, Christ's Hospital and a few others hold firm to the notion that boarding school has a very particular character. All pupils are there continuously — although "home weekends" occur every two or three weeks, and pupils can generally take other weekends away by negotiation. The remarkable bonding between the pupils in these close-knit circumstances often lasts for the rest of their lives.

So what are boarding schools doing to woo parents? Most publish a coloured A4-sized prospectus containing information that focuses mostly on educational matters and is illustrated by rather obviously contrived photographs. It is all somewhat stereotyped. The girl or boy playing the violin is *de rigueur*. So is the shot of rugby scrum or of girl wielding lacrosse stick. There is almost always a cosy photograph of a maternal type tucking a smiling, teddy-bear-clutching, child into bed.

If you compare a selection of these bland publications, you might be forgiven for thinking they all referred to the same school. There is little to give a parent any real sense of what any school is like. School videos that set out to portray school life on film are also often pretty wooden.

Benenden School in Kent is now trying to break that mould by providing information about boarding in a new way. After an extensive consultation of "feeder" preparatory schools and current parents as well as prospective ones, it made an interesting discovery: lifestyle bothers modern "customers" as much as, if not more than, educational matters. In a school of this type, parents think that they can take scholastic excellence for granted.

To meet this need, Benenden commissioned Markéta Luskačová, an internationally known reportage photographer, to record school life with her camera. She spent many days at the school over a three-month period last summer, wandering into classrooms, boarding houses, services, ceremonies, meetings, kitchens, meals and the leafy grounds, and took a remarkable 25,000 frames.

Debra Price, the development director at Benenden, says: "We all became so used to her being about that in the end no one took any notice. There was no camera-consciousness. Markéta ended up with a genuine slice of Benenden life."

The result is a stylish black-and-white photographic essay in A3 format that captures the reality of a girls' boarding school in the Kentish countryside. None of the 58 pictures is posed. Photographs are grouped to form a visual answer to questions such as "Will she be happy?" and "When will I see her?", which were identified as parents' key anxieties by CDT, the design consultancy that worked with Benenden on the project.

There is a lovely shot of a girl in a textiles lesson being shown how to mend something. Parents dance the conga on the lawn. Two girls are at the riding stables. Another picture shows the delight and concentration of a music lesson.

Will Benenden's initiative spur other boarding schools faced with the problem of a shrinking market into trying to make their publicity material more communicative? Anything that helps more parents to make better informed decisions can only be a good thing.

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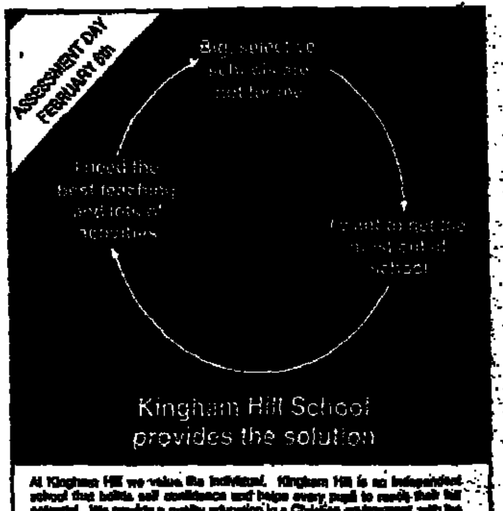
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Mums and dads need to figure it out

Parents are the ones who need help with maths lessons, says Rosemary Russell

Last week's report placing Britain last of seven countries for numeracy trained the spotlight once more on mathematics in schools. Parents want to help their children, but often do not know where to turn.

Schools are the obvious starting point, but their attitude to parents varies. Often the sort of questions parents really want to ask are not received with open arms. Sadly, too, parents often complain that "it's all different now" and ask: "Why don't they teach them maths properly these days?" One even claimed the school was teaching his son wrongly.

Parents should try to understand the background issues, then they can make sense of what is being said and be able to ask intelligently about their child's maths education. Examining a few of the more common questions should provide some helpful information.

What about the parent who claimed the school was teaching his son wrongly? This startling claim came because the father had been taught to subtract differently. Not having seen any other method of subtracting, he concluded that the school's method was incorrect and told his child. Who is the child to believe, home or school?

This is not new: 35 years ago, my husband and I were taught to subtract differently, as were my mother and father a generation earlier. There are two main methods of subtracting, a fact that, strangely, is not widely known. They have been taught side by side for years. (Try asking friends, relatives and work colleagues of all ages to do a subtraction, for example 302-167, and see for yourself.)

Parents must realise that there is often more than one valid way of approaching a maths problem. Their way is not wrong and neither is the school's. In this light, there can be a partnership and respect between school and parents instead of confrontation. I showed this particular parent how both methods of subtraction worked. He then realised the school was not teaching his son incorrectly.

The same problem might arise if a pupil changes schools to one that uses the other method of subtraction. This happened to another pupil I taught. He was referred to me for tuition about five years later with his maths in ruins; at last, he confessed that he had never understood what was happening at the new school.

Some parents try to help by teaching the method they learnt themselves, and end up only confusing the child. Glancing at parents helping their children with a process as basic as subtraction shows the need for bridge-building and understanding between home and school.

Now, what about the parents who say "It's all different now"? Sometimes it is: children do learn topics that parents did not. Quite often, it is not different, it is just that parents, having learnt their maths by rote, cannot see the connection between what they learnt and what their children are doing. There has been a call for more rote learning from certain quarters. But what are the advantages and disadvantages?

Generally, rote learning means learning by blindly following a set of rules. You do not know why you are following these rules, or whether there is any connection between them. Since you do not know why you are doing things in a certain way or order, you cannot be sure what to do when faced with something that appears slightly different. You do not develop a mathematical understanding or an overall picture of the subject.

On the other hand, if you understand the underlying principles, there is far less to remember as you understand what you are doing. You are then able to transfer and apply these principles to unfamiliar situations and your mathematical understanding grows, enabling you to explore beyond what you have been taught.

The two approaches are not incompatible. Once you understand the principles, they may safely be encapsulated in what may look like rote procedures.

The maths questions used in GCSE and national curriculum tests are often related to everyday situations, but the maths involved may not be straightforward. The questions are often set in a form that students have not encountered before: they cannot automatically know what to do. They have to think around the question, working it out for themselves.

Parents may find the methods their children use seem long-winded. However, these parents might not be able to explain why their own methods work or what they are doing. One disadvantage of learning with understanding is that teachers need to have a good grasp and understanding of basic processes. Hence the calls from some quarters for more specialists at the primary level.

It would be marvellous if teachers and parents together took an adult look at maths. I believe both would be in for surprises as they try to find some common ground.

> 'There is often more than one way of getting the answer'

● *Rosemary Russell is the author of* Maths for Parents *(Piccadilly Press £5.99) and is researching* Parents Helping Their Children With Maths *at Exeter University. She is a contributor to* Count Me In, *the BBC's numeracy campaign.*

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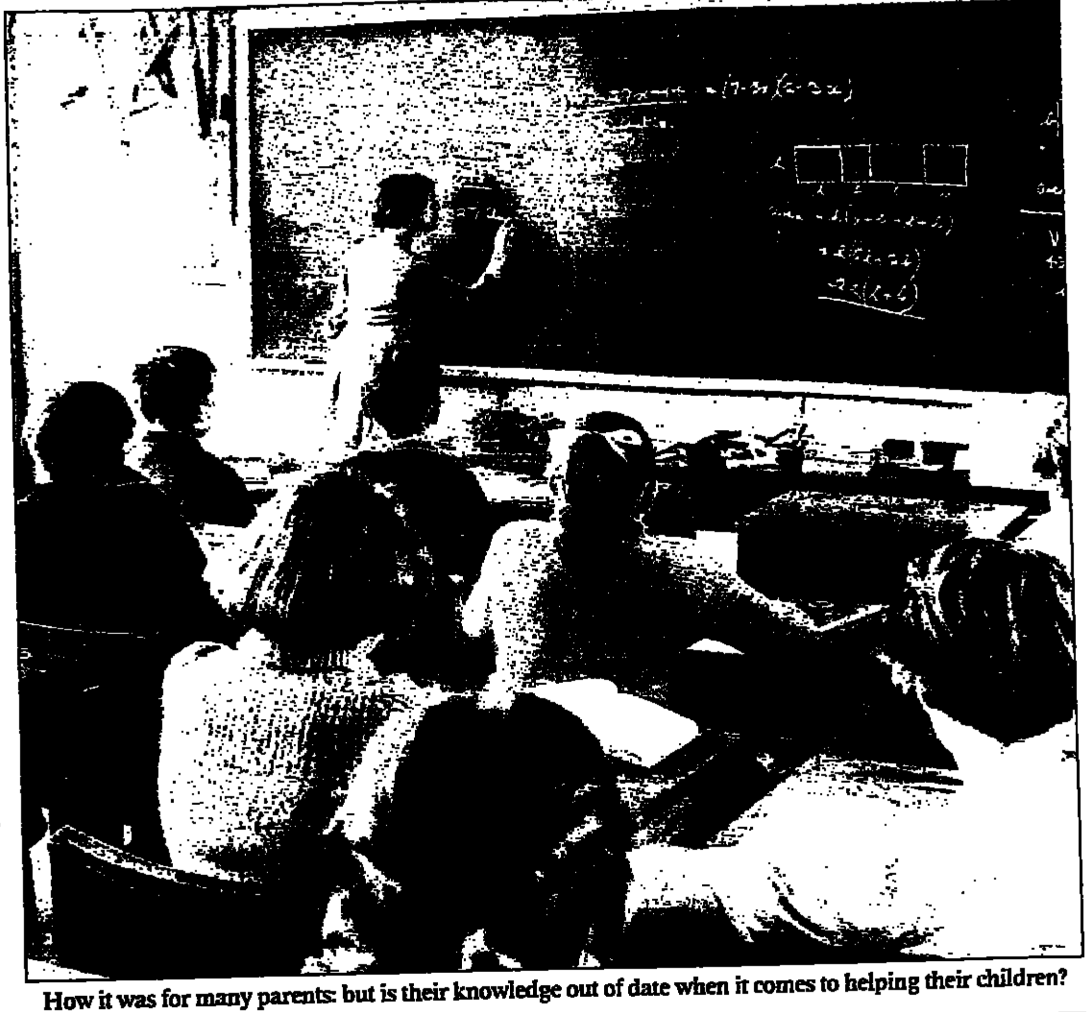

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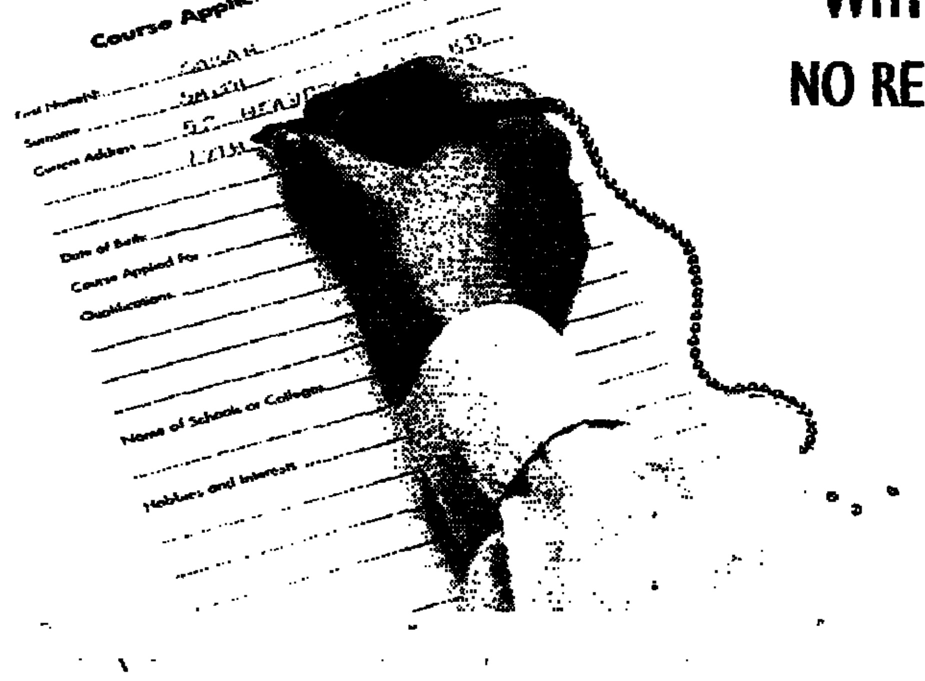

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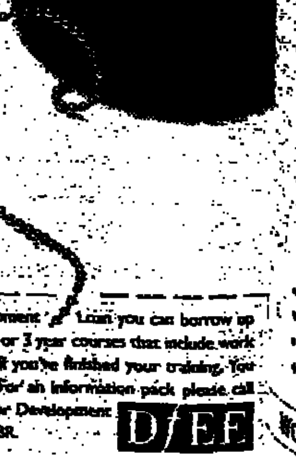

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Oliver Holt on the boy from the backwoods tracking Super Bowl glory

Finding Favre in heart of the South

Favre demonstrates the passing prowess that has thrown the Packers into the Super Bowl spotlight in New Orleans. Photograph: Lee Celano

SUPERBOWL XXXI NEW ORLEANS

The buses carrying the pilgrims wind their way out of New Orleans in a convoy. They pass the Mississippi River far below, dirty brown and teeming with leviathans of container ships, and cross Lake Pontchartrain on a low, arching bridge that seems to go on for ever. Six miles later they leave Louisiana behind.

After an hour they turn off the interstate and on to smaller roads; roads to nowhere. For a few more miles they stare out at the pines and the clearings in the forest, at the bayous that hide alligators and water-snakes. Then a sign appears and they point their cameras. "Welcome to Kiln, Mississippi," it reads. "Home of Brett Favre."

There are no McDonald's restaurants or Waffle Houses in Kiln, no Payless Shoe Source, no Wal-Mart, none of the usual landmarks of small-town America. Dolly's Quick Stop, a petrol station-cum-convenience store on the corner of the only crossroads in town, sells corn dogs, fried chicken and spicy sausage, and outside a furtive black dog skulks around for scraps.

The pilgrims, though, head for Rooster's Restaurant and Deli a few hundred yards farther on. A thick-set man with a crew cut and a bulging red neck is waiting inside. People are gathering round him and the camera lights are already trained on his square face, teasing beads of sweat from his forehead. He is Brett Favre's father.

Irvin Favre talks for a few minutes about the days when he was Brett's high school coach, when, even though he had his son in the team, a son who is now the best quarterback in the National Football League (NFL) and American football's new superstar, he insisted on playing a running game. "I wasn't running that team just so I could showcase Brett Favre," he said.

Then the quest moves on, this search for Brett Favre that is peopled by those who want to know more about the man who will lead Green Bay Packers into the Super Bowl against New England Patriots on Sunday, who want to look beyond the purple lenses of the sun-glasses that he has taken to wearing at his press conferences this week as award after award falls into his lap and adds to his growing legend.

His statistics and achievements tell one side of the story, the two consecutive most valuable player in the NFL awards, his number of touchdown throws this season that has exceeded the amount of any other quarterback save for Dan Marino, the fact that crowds mob him wherever he goes. The other side, though, is rooted here in the Deep South. This is where Brett Favre's spirit comes from, the indomitable spirit that is turning him into an American hero.

It was about a mile from Rooster's where Favre crashed his car six years ago and was so badly injured that he had to have a large part of his small intestine removed. The doctors said that he might just be able to play again before the end of the year. One month after the operation he led the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) to a famous victory over Alabama.

He is a hard young man from a family still battling against adversity. Last August his eldest brother was charged with drink-driving after a train ran into his car, killing his passenger. In September his younger sister drove a car that was involved in a drive-by shooting and is on probation for her part in the incident.

Favre himself is overcoming an addiction to painkillers. "I have had a lot of good times this year," he said recently, "but there sure have been some lows to go with them."

As the pilgrims file out, past the library that is decked out in Packers' gold and green, past the signs that say "Go Brett", Irvin is busy telling stragglers that that is what is important about his son. "He has got a big heart," he said, "he just won't quit."

Nobody bothers to sample any of the catfish and fries, shrimp and fries, chicken and fries or grilled ribeye that make up the entire menu. They get back on the buses.

An hour later they make their second and final stop in Hattiesburg, 40 miles to the north. They get out next to the small USM stadium on the outskirts of the city and walk up some stairs into a room where a group of young men are talking in a corner. These are the men from the next stage of Favre's life, his room-mate at USM, the player who caught the first pass he threw, the player who caught his first touchdown pass.

One is a computer analyst now, the other a delivery driver for a parcel firm. Then there is the recruiter who had to fight and cajole to persuade his bosses at the university that Favre was a worthy target for their attention because his father would let him throw the ball only three or four times each game.

"When I first saw him," Mark McHale said, "I saw a slow, white boy handing the ball off to a running back. I was on the point of giving up when he threw a rocket to a poor receiver and it nearly put a hole in his chest. It had fire coming off it and I thought 'This boy has got a golden arm'."

Chris Ryals, his room-mate, was next up. "To tell the truth," he said, "there weren't that many people on campus who liked Brett in his freshman year here. He was like the eighth-string quarterback, but he was still kind of cocky.

"He was more than just a player, though. He was the leader. I have never seen anyone hate to lose so much. Perhaps it was something to do with where he came from. That place is nowhere. I used to call him The Legend of the Swamp. They have got mosquitoes there that could tear your arm off."

Then they sink into a reverie and talk about how proud they were when Favre was drafted by Atlanta Falcons, when he was traded to Green Bay, when he helped to lead the Packers past the old giants of American Football, such as San Francisco 49ers, all the way to the Super Bowl, where they are prohibitive favourites to beat the Patriots — and all in New Orleans, too.

By then, back in the Big Easy, Favre is busy accepting another accolade, the NFL player-of-the-year award. In Kiln, they watch him talking about home on the television.

"I was going to go over and eat with my family this week," he said in a southern drawl hardened by years in Green Bay, "but, after talking to them, I decided not to. It's going crazy up there, kind of like Graceland. People are even paying 20 bucks to see where I went to school. The thing is, I haven't even done close to what a lot of other players have done yet. If I had, I guess I'd be bigger than Elvis."

SPORTS LETTERS

Safety first for terrace return

From the Shadow Minister for Sport

Sir, It is important to correct some of the points raised by Simon Barnes's *Midweek View* ("Football will not stand for return to terraces", January 22).

For a start, the headline is wrong. The point is that it is pressure from within football that has put terraces back on the agenda, in the context of Labour's proposed task force for football. The pressure comes from their concern that all-seat grounds have less atmosphere and that many supporters are being priced out of the game.

Barnes's extraordinary suggestion that seats have priced hooligans out of the ground is offensive to decent supporters who love the game, but can no longer afford to go and watch.

Our task force proposal, which has been endorsed by those who administer the game, will give all of football's participants — from the FA through to the supporters — a voice on its future.

I have consistently stated that terracing will be considered only once the safety factor is ensured. A new engineering development suggests that may be possible.

I have also made it clear that I do not advocate a return to the days of huge terraces dominating our football grounds. Safe terracing may be worth considering in terms of small standing areas in redeveloped grounds or at lower-division clubs.

Finally, Barnes laments the involvement of politicians in sport. He should remember that politicians led vital sports-related campaigns against, for example, football identity cards, and it was politicians who created the Football Trust to assist clubs with ground development.

Barnes is entitled to his view that politicians should keep away from sport, but what about the supporters who initiate this debate: should they keep out of it, too?

Yours sincerely,
TOM PENDRY,
Shadow Minister for Sport,
House of Commons.

Hard on Henman

From Mr D. A. Wilby

Sir, As a reasonable-minded tennis enthusiast, I suspect I was not alone in being appalled by the tone of Michael Henderson's report on Tim Henman's defeat by Michael Chang in the Australian Open (January 18). To call him a failure for losing to the world No 2, who, in the opinion of many experts, is playing some of the best tennis of his career and who has vastly more experience in grand slam tournaments, is unwarranted.

In recent weeks Henman has played and beaten several highly ranked players, including Goran Ivanisevic, the world No 3, and Carlos Moya, whom he comprehensively beat in the final of the Sydney Open and who has now beaten Chang in the semi-finals of the Australian Open.

Of course, we all wanted Henman to win against Chang, but there is no disgrace in losing to a player of his quality.

In the past year Henman has risen with great speed through the ranks of the professional game and we should all be proud of what he has achieved in such a short time. Hopefully, it will not be long before he becomes the first British male, since the game went open, to break into the top ten.

Henman said that he had had "a bad day at the office" when playing Chang — perhaps Henderson will concede a similar malaise when he composed his report.

Yours faithfully,
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Victims of war

From Mr D. J. W. Bridge

Sir, With reference to John Hopkins's "Farewell, old fruit, we're sad to see you go" (front page, January 18), may I point out, for the sake of historical accuracy, that at half-time in the rugby union match between Harlequins and Oxford University in 1946, the *British Movietone News* sports commentator said on air: "Both sides are sucking oranges, lemons not being available owing to wartime shortages."

Yours faithfully,
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Long Acre,
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Sherborne, Dorset.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Last week I mentioned that one thing needed to make a slam is enough strength. But what do I mean by enough strength? There are three possibilities:

a) enough points, or
b) enough fit and distribution to plan to establish suits or to cross-ruff, or
c) at least one long suit.

This week I will look hands with plenty of points. Average players tend to overbid such hands. Really balanced hands (i.e. with no five-card or longer suit) need a full 33/34 points to make a small slam a good proposition. An example:

West	East
♠AK6	♠QJ73
♥AQJ4	♥K2
♦K97	♦QJ65
♣K52	♣A43

West	East
2NT	6NT

East knows that his partner has 20-22 points. He simply adds his 13 to 20, comes up with the answer of 33 and jumps to slam. Had he had only a good 11 or 12 points, he would simply have raised to 4NT, asking his partner to bid on with a maximum. Just because you have 33 or more points, however, doesn't necessarily mean that you can make your slam in top tricks. On the hand below you have points to spare, but you still need to play carefully.

West	East
♠KQ3	♠AJ4
♥Q74	♥AK3
♦Q63	♦AK4
♣AJ64	♣K972

West	East
1NT	6NT

West's 1NT shows 12-14 points, so East adds the minimum of 12 points to his own 22 and arrives at 34; hence he can jump to 6NT. In fact, East-West have a combined 36 points but the unfortunate duplication of distribution means that there are only eleven tricks on top. But I hope you recognise that club holding — a third club trick can be guaranteed. Win whatever North leads, cash the ace of clubs and lead a club towards dummy's K97. If North shows out, play the king and lead towards your jack for your twelfth trick; if North follows with the queen or ten, win the king and knock out the other honour; if North follows small, play the nine — if South wins the suit has broken 3-2 and the extra trick is easy.

Macallan International Pairs. After seven of the fifteen rounds the European champions Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace have established a convincing lead.

Standings: 1, Lauria and Versace (Italy) 333 VPs; 2, Nickell and Freeman (USA) 251 VPs; 3, Mouiel and Multon (France) 249VPs; 4, Auken and Blackset (Denmark) 240 VPs; 5, Mahmood and Chagas (USA and Brazil) 231 VPs; 6, Hamman and Wolff (USA) 228 VPs; 7, Omar Sharif and Mari (France) 215 VPs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Victory for Adams

Michael Adams, Great Britain's No 2 grandmaster, has returned to form with a 4½-1½ match victory against Ivan Morovic, of Chile.

The fifth game, shown today, clinched the match for Adams. Although reams of analysis have been devoted to the main highways of the Najdorf Variation of the Sicilian Defence (which Morovic employs here), Adams demonstrates that there is still plenty of poison in the relatively unexplored sidelines, one of which (6. Bd3) he adopts here.

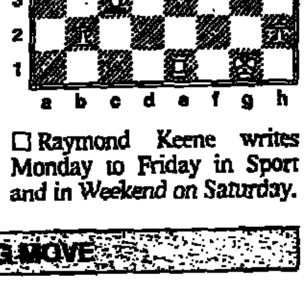
After a complex middlegame, in which Black sacrificed a pawn to increase his piece activity, Adams had to part with his queen, but, in compensation, received the more than adequate material balance of rook, knight and bishop. When further material gains for White became inevitable, Morovic conceded.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Ivan Morovic
Santiago, January 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bd3	e5
7	Nde2	h6
8	0-0	Be7
9	a4	0-0
10	f4	Nc6
11	Kh1	Bd7
12	Be3	Rc8
13	Qe1	Nb4
14	a5	Bc6
15	Ng3	d5
16	fxe5	Nxe4
17	Bxe4	dxe4
18	Nf5	Bd7
19	Rd1	Rc6
20	Bb6	Qe8
21	Nxe7+	Qxe7
22	Qxe4	Re8
23	Rd4	f5
24	exf6	Rxf6
25	Rg1	Qf8
26	Qh4	g5
27	Qh5	Bc6
28	Rd2	Kh7
29	Qd1	Qf7
30	Bc5	Qc4
31	Rd7+	Kg8
32	Bxb4	Rf2
33	Rd4	Bxg2+
34	Rxg2	Rf1+
35	Rg1	Qc6+
36	Rd5	Rxd1
37	Rgxd1	Qc4
38	R5d4	Qf7
39	Kg2	Qf5
40	Rf1	Qxc2+
41	Rf2	Qg6
42	Nd5	Qc6
43	Kg1	Qc1+
44	Rf1	Qc8
45	Nf6+	Kg7
46	Nxe8+	Qxe8
47	Re1	Qc8
48	Bc3	Kg6
49	Rd6+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ADIPOUS
a. One-footed
b. Fat
c. The Doric Oedipus

ANENTEROUS
a. Cavernous
b. Without an intestine
c. Cowardly

BARBARA
a. Logical jargon
b. A virago
c. An Alpine creeper

BRAGLY
a. Boastfully
b. Bracken and gorse wasteland
c. Ostentatiously

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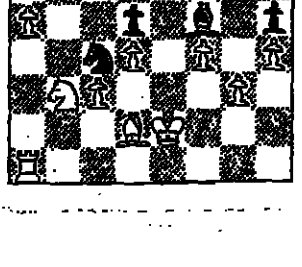
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Yudasin — Hubner, Groningen, 1993. Black has a clear advantage in this endgame as his knight has a fine outpost on c4 and his pieces are much more active than White's. His accurate next move forced the win of material. What did he play?



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RUGBY UNION

Angry French ban Tournaire then accuse Irishmen

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE French authorities, not for the first time, suspended one of their players yesterday for unacceptable conduct during the five nations' championship match between Ireland and France in Dublin on Saturday, but there is a growing impatience that other countries seem unwilling to follow their example.

Franck Tournaire, the Narbonne prop, has been banned for one match and will miss the meeting with Wales in Paris on February 15. Though neither team management witnessed the incident, video evidence showed Tournaire kicking Allan Clarke, the Ireland replacement hooker, in the face and the Irish Rugby Football Union — who suspended Peter Clohessy, their prop, after foul play in the equivalent fixture a year ago — requested action from France.

They, in turn, have highlighted incidents involving Keith Wood, Paddy Johns and Niall Hogan and said that, in future, disciplinary proceedings must start with the five nations' committee established for that purpose. If such procedures are not followed, Bernard Lapasset, the French federation president, said that France will not feel obliged to impose their own sanctions; nor will Tournaire be stopped from playing for his club on this occasion.

Wales have named an unchanged side to play Ireland in Cardiff on February 1, a predictable move after their 34-19 win in Scotland last weekend. It will be Ieuan Evans's seventieth appearance on the wing for Wales and the first time in 11 matches that Kevin Bowring, the coach, has not felt obliged to make any change.

He will hope, though, that Robert Howley, the scrum half, recovers from a shoulder injury sustained in training on Wednesday, which has ruled him out of the Cardiff Swalec Cup tie with Newport on Sunday. "We have considered every player's contribution to the Scottish win and although pleased with the overall performance, there are still areas of our game we need to improve," Bowring said.

Wales have not beaten Ireland at home since 1983 and Bowring seeks to "make the Arms Park a fortress once more." The stadium will be awash with noise tomorrow, though primarily because of an English crowd.

The final of the Heineken Cup, between Leicester and Brive, is likely to attract a crowd of 40,000, nearly twice that which attended the inaugural final, between Cardiff and Toulouse a year ago. Leicester hope that 30,000 supporters will make the trip and Brive believe that 5,000 French will travel.

"It's a fantastic occasion," Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of coaching, said. "The French papers are saying, 'Dublin last Saturday, Cardiff next Saturday,' as if to say it's another international. It's a world-class tournament with world-class standards. It's next to international rugby, just below the Super 12 — the top clubs in the Heineken Cup would be able to compete at the bottom level of Super 12 and that is a very high standard of rugby."

Since Otago are already touring Great Britain — they play London Irish on Sunday — and Auckland bring a team replete with internationals to play Bristol and Harlequins next month, the worth of Dwyer's judgment will be tested shortly. Brive, who arrive in Cardiff this morning, intend to field the XV which beat Cardiff in the semi-finals, and believe that success will heighten their profile.

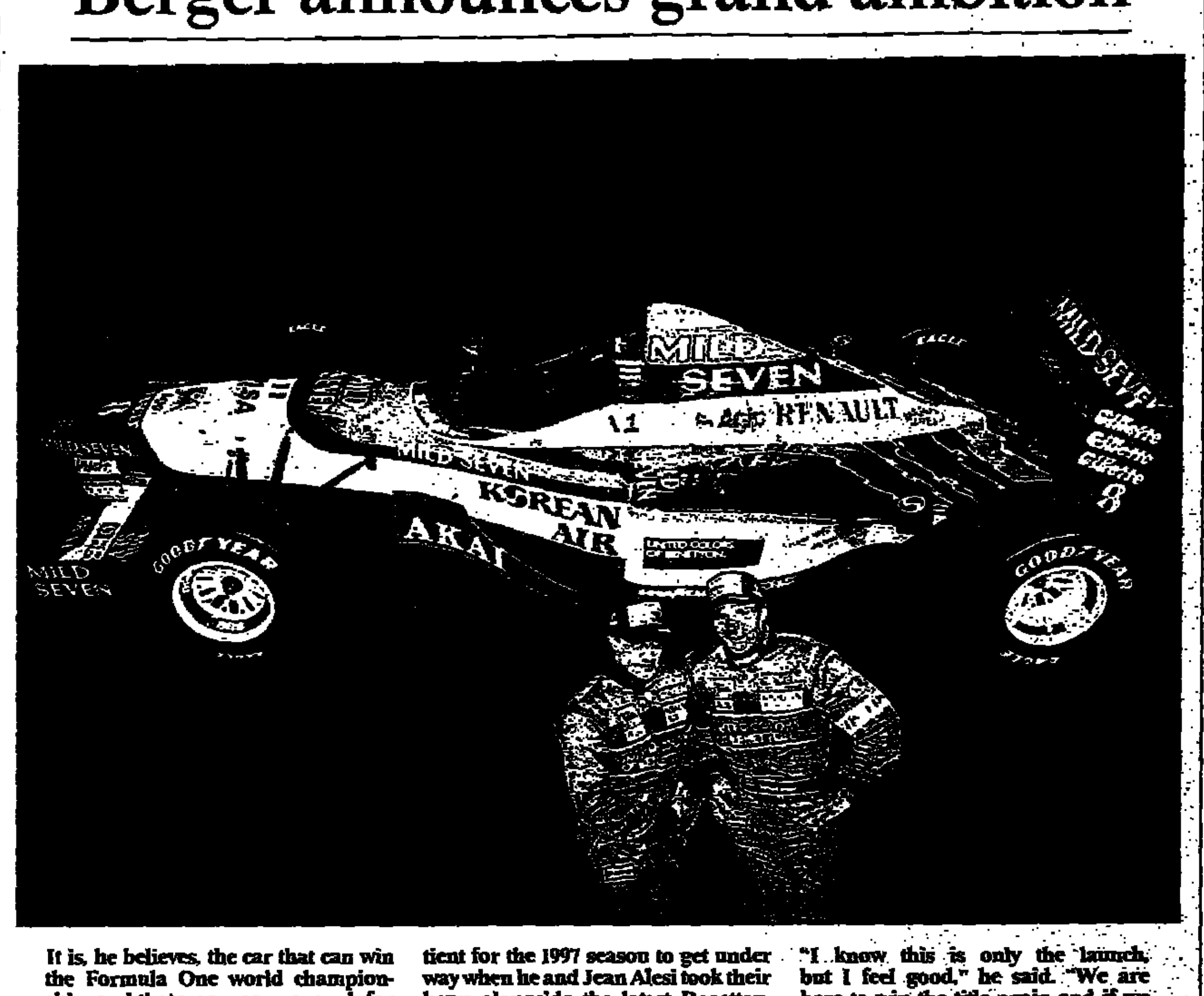
"Victory opens up all sorts of possibilities and we could think about a big-name signing like Jonah Lomu or Glen Osborne," Patrick Sebastien, the club president, said. "Why shouldn't we? Europe is the way forward and winning would lift us to another level."

☐ EMERGING WALES (v Ireland A, Pontypridd, January 31): M Back (Swansea); S Hill (Cardiff), L Davies (Cardiff), N Davies (Llanelli, captain), D James (Bridgend); S Connor (Newport), A Moore (Richmond); A Lewis (Cardiff), B Williams (Neath), J Davies (Neath), A Gibbs (Llanelli), V Cooper (Llanelli), P Arnold (Swansea), K Jones (Ebbw Vale), D McIntosh (Pontypridd). Replacements: J Thomas (Cardiff), B Hayward (Ebbw Vale), H Harries (Harlequins), C Wyatt (Llanelli), S John (Llanelli), R McBryde (Llanelli)

WALES

WALES (v Ireland): N R Jenkins (Pontypridd); I C Evans (Llanelli), A G Bateman (Richmond), I S Gibbs (Swansea), G Thomas (Bridgend); A C Thomas (Swansea), R Howley (Cardiff); C D Loader (Swansea), J M Humphreys (Cardiff, captain), D Young (Cardiff), S M Williams (Neath), G O Llewellyn (Harlequins), M A Rowley (Pontypridd), C L Charvis (Swansea), L S Quinnell (Richmond). Replacements: J Davies (Cardiff), P John (Pontypridd), J C Quinnell (Richmond), R G Jones (Cardiff), L Mustoe (Cardiff), G R Jenkins (Swansea)

Berger announces grand ambition



It is, he believes, the car that can win the Formula One world championship, and that was reason enough for Gerhard Berger, left, to look impatient for the 1997 season to get under way when he and Jean Alesi took their bows alongside the latest Benetton, the Renault-powered B197, yesterday. "I know this is only the launch, but I feel good," he said. "We are here to win the title again and if we do not we will not have succeeded."

ATHLETICS: MEXICAN MAY NOT DEFEND TITLE AFTER RUN OF THREE WINS

Ceron tests London's street credibility

THE prospect of a British man winning the Flora London Marathon this year, for the first time since 1993, loomed larger yesterday when the overseas elite entries were announced. They do not include Dionicio Cerón, from Mexico, the champion for the past three years (David Powell writes).

While Steve Moneghetti and Antonio Pinto will ensure that Great Britain's strongest contingent for a decade does not have the race all its own way, Cerón is uncommitted. "It is 50-50 between the Boston Marathon and London," Luis Felipe Posso, his manager, said.

Posso said that appearance-money was not an issue, although bonuses were, but insisted that Cerón's greatest concern was which race offered him the greater prospect of a fast time. He was, according to Posso, waiting to see how the fields developed.

"We have other major names to announce," was all that David Bedford, London's elite race director, would say. If not Cerón, that may mean Josia Thugwane, the Olympic champion, from South Africa. Also represented by Posso, Thugwane was said, like Cerón, to be weighing up London and Boston.

Moneghetti, the Commonwealth champion, from Australia, has been runner-up twice in London. Pinto, from Portugal, won it in 1992. Paul Evans, Richard Nerurkar and Eamonn Martin will represent Britain in the men's race, while Liz McColgan, the defending champion, and Marian Sutton will lead the domestic women's entry.

Solace for Gottfried in England call-up

MARTIN GOTTFRIED, a member of the London Towers basketball squad whose journey to the last 32 of the European Cup ended in Moscow on Tuesday, has the consolation of a first England cap next Wednesday.

Gottfried, 23, a 6ft 4in guard, is the only newcomer in Laszlo Nemeth's squad to face Portugal in the Newcastle Arena in a European championship group B game.

ENGLAND: N Austin, M Gottfried (both London Towers), J Amaechi (Panathinaikos), R Baker (Leopards), S Bucknall (Iraklis), S Dunkley (Besançon), P Grainger (Manchester Giants), D Herriman (Trieste), P Scantlebury (Thames Valley Tigers, captain), R Huggins, I McKinney, J Swaine (all Sheffield Sharks).

Scorching task

Rugby league: A Great Britain squad of 14 leaves today for the World Nines in Queensland, where matches are expected to be played in temperatures above 40C.

GREAT BRITAIN: A Farrell (Wigan, captain), S Spruce (Bradford), S Naylor (Salford), M Crompton (Oldham), J Bentley (Halifax), C Smith (Castleford), K Senior (Sheffield), B-J Mather (Perth), D Betts (Auckland), T Martyn (St Helens), I Harris (Warrington), A Morley (Leeds), S Holgate (Wigan), T Tollett (London). January 31: GB v Tonga, GB v South Africa. February 1: GB v France, GB v Japan, GB v New Zealand. February 2: Semi-finals and final.

Opening test

Snooker: Jimmy White takes on Dillon Leary, of Marlow, in the first round of the Regal Welsh Open in Newport tomorrow. White has slumped to 29th in the provisional world standings and another early exit for him cannot be discounted.

Singles record

Badminton: Darren Hall is seeded No 1 in the draw announced yesterday for the English singles championship at Norwich the weekend after next and is expected to extend his record of titles to nine.

GOLF

Howell left to regret late slips

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IN 1996 David Howell was one of those new recruits to the ranks of the European golf professionals who kept on catching the eye. Though he did not win a tournament as did Padraig Harrington, with whom he had competed in the 1995 Walker Cup, Howell had a number of good finishes and earned himself £132,500. An end of season report on Howell, 21, might have read: "Played steadily and shows promise."

Howell demonstrated that promise by playing not just steadily but very well for 14 holes at Hope Island in the opening round of the Johnnie Walker Classic, the opening event on the 1997 European Tour. Not the least overshadowed by competing against a field containing four of the world's leading six players. Howell reached the 15th tee six under par. This was good golf on a glorious sunny day.

From there in, however, the game became very hard. Three strokes were squandered on the remaining holes, and what might have been an exceptional round became only a good one, a 69, three under par. This left him two strokes behind David Carter, 24, a South African-born professional who is based in England. Anthony Painter and Steve Conran, of Australia, and Arjun Atwal, of India. Atwal got into the tournament only when Jeev Singh declined an invitation and had to pay his own air fare from India. Since the prize-money is £700,000, Atwal is likely to earn enough not to have to worry about such outgoings.

After working hard on his putting during the winter, Nick Faldo might have expected to do better. "It's a bit of a grind," he said after a 70, a round that he described as "pretty good in parts and rusty in others."

Fred Couples had a 69, Ernie Els had eagles at his last two holes for a 70 and Colin Montgomerie had a 71. Bernhard Langer went round in 73, Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, in 74.

John Daly started with two birdies and spectators surged up the fairways sensing that he was going to produce something special. He did, but not in quite the way they expected. Using a new titanium driver, Daly was longer than ever off the tee and often well off the fairway. His 77 leaves him ten strokes behind the leaders and with a lot to do to beat the cut.

BOWLS

Corkill made to suffer for lapses in concentration

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THERE was a whiff of nostalgia in the Guild Hall, Preston, yesterday, when David Corkill, of Belfast, one of the leading figures in the rise of bowls as a spectator sport in the 1980s, returned to strut and cavort on the portable rink in the Saga world indoor singles championship.

The man they called the Pink Panther, because of his peculiarly angular lope down the rink after each delivery, has retained the sense of showmanship and theatre that he showed on his way to two Superbowl titles, and showed flashes of his old flair.

Sadly, however, he has lost the consistency and, it seems, the killer instinct and arrogance, which used to inspire love and hate.

Costly lapses in concentration led to Corkill's demise yesterday. In the first set, he dropped a four and a three to Mervyn King; in the second, leading 3-0, he conceded identical counts, and the game was over in 64 minutes. King winning 7-6, 7-3, 7-2.

Having also helped Tony Allcock into the quarter-finals of the pairs, King, 30, from Norfolk, has his sights set on the double.

Standing between King and a place in the quarter-finals is John Price, of Swansea, the vice-chairman of the Professional Bowls Association, whose straight sets victory over Paul Foster was not as straightforward as the 7-1, 7-3, 7-6 scoreline suggests.

At 6-1 behind in the third set, Price faced a set lie, but threaded his bowl through a forest of short woods for a brilliant takeout, scored two shots, and won the game with a full house on the next end, when Foster played his only loose end of the match.

After the resignation, on health grounds, of Jimmy Davidson, the World Indoor Bowls Council secretary, on Tuesday, the governing bodies and the PBA have moved closer, while there are hints that the full separate international bodies — for men and women, indoors and out — are considering sinking their separate identities to form a totally integrated association.

SQUASH

Russell quick on draw in battle of the young guns

BY COLIN McQUILLAN

ALMOST predictably, the keenest tussle during the early session of the first round of the A.J. Edge national championships in Manchester yesterday was between the two youngest, and closest, players in a tournament that has attracted a record of 230 entries.

John Russell defeated Adrian Grant 9-3, 9-2, 10-9 in slightly less than an hour. They could have settled their differences, as so often before, at their home club in south London, at their school, Crownwoods, in Eltham, on duty for their Kent county squad or even during their successful tour for England last summer when they helped to secure the world junior team championship in Cairo.

"We know each other pretty well," Russell, 17, said. Grant, 16, is the first black player to represent England, and most think that it will be him leading the national line when they defend the world team title next year. He was knocked out of the qualifying finals by Iain Higgins, of Essex, but slipped into the main draw as a lucky loser when Nathan Dugan, of Buckinghamshire, went down with suspected pneumonia yesterday.

The win puts Russell into a second round match today against Alex Gough, the No 3 seed, from Wales, who put Del Harris out of the last British Open and who yesterday beat Paul Carter, of Hertfordshire, 9-0, 9-4, 9-6.

Carter enjoyed better luck on the coaching side, which is his greater interest these days. Jamie Davis, his protégé from Potters Bar, went through 10-8, 9-4, 10-8, against Scott Handley, of Oxfordshire.

Adrian Davies, of Wales, lost 9-6, 9-1, 9-8 to David Campion, of Yorkshire, who now plays Stephen Meads, of Berkshire, the No 2 seed.

Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, the women's No 1 seed, opened her account with a 9-3, 9-1, 9-0 win over Lindsey Parker, of Worcestershire, but Nicola Cusack, the No 16 seed, from Kent, was unexpectedly beaten, 9-3, 4-9, 9-4, 9-10, 9-7, by Vicky Botwright, 19, from Worsley.

ICE SKATING

Russians make maximum impact on closest rivals

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN PARIS

A GLITTERING performance by Oksana Grishuk and Evgeny Platov, the world and Olympic ice dance champions, here at the Bercy Stadium yesterday recalled the heady heyday of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.

Grishuk and Platov, from Russia, have earned the maximum mark of 6.0 before, but never in the original dance. Yet here, in a breathtaking performance with no hint of an error, they reeled off six sixes for their presentation of the tango. Elsewhere, there was nothing below 5.9.

It was a formidable piece of choreography, making prodigious demands on Grishuk, and a mouthwatering aperitif for the free dance tonight. Even Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov, superb skaters that they are, were a distance behind them, with two 5.9s being the high point of their performance.

Marika Humphreys and Philip Askew, the British champions, five, alas, in another world from the Russians and declined marginally, from joint-thirteenth to fourteenth. Their routine lacked the pride and passion of the tango and they may have been ill-served by costumes in sombre blue.

Marina Eltsova and Andrei Bushkov, in the pairs, have already given Russia the first of what could be a clean sweep of all four gold medals. Ilia Kulik has imposed himself on the men's event and the women's champion is almost certain to emerge from a trio of gifted Russian compatriots.

Eltsova and Bushkov's victory was surprisingly clear-cut, eight of the nine judges favouring them. They are, of course, the world champions, but their form this year had not carried the feel of supremacy.

Lesley Rogers and Michael Aldred, the British champions, improved from tenth last year to ninth. They were handicapped, as in the short programme on Tuesday, by Rogers's fall in the side-by-side triple toe loops.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Philadelphia 127 Boston 125; Sacramento 97 Detroit 92; New Jersey 103 San Antonio 95; Denver 94 Vancouver 84; Utah 111 Phoenix 99; Seattle 98 Portland 97

EUROLEAGUE: Second preliminary round. Group G: Sevilla 91 Villeurbanne (Fr) 68; Pau-Orthez (Fr) 66 Panathinaikos 79. Group H: Barcelona 91 Efes Pilsen (Tur) 67

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester 63 Chester 72

7-UP TROPHY: Quarter-finals, second leg: Sheffield Sharks 97 Worthing 85 (agg: 180-166); Leicester 69 Birmingham 79 (agg: 164-156)

BILLIARDS

HYDERABAD: Gold Flake Open: Semi-finals: M Russell (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng) 5-0; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt G Sethi (India) 5-0

BOWLS

PRESTON: World indoor championships: Singles: First round: R Corsie (Scot) bt S Worsk (Can) 7-0, 7-4, 7-0; S Glasson (Aus) bt G Robertson (Scot) 7-1, 3-7, 7-1, 7-6; J Price (Wales) bt P Foster (Scot) 7-1, 7-3, 7-6; M King (Eng) bt D Corkill (Ire) 7-6, 7-3, 7-2; W Richards (Eng) bt D Le Marquand (Jer) 7-6, 4-7, 7-2, 7-3; I Schuback (Aus) bt D Peacock (Scot) 7-2, 7-5, 7-6.

CRICKET

FOCHVILLE, South Africa: Tour match (one day): Zimbabwe 260-8 (50 overs; D Houghton 129 not out; Lavine 4-27); North West 174-8. Zimbabwe won by 86 runs.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race: Final positions: 1, A Kappes and C Wolf (Ger) 423pts; 2, B Risi and K Betschart (Switz) 348; 3, D Clark and M Gilmore (Aus) 320, at 1 lap.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Italy 2 Northern Ireland 0; Israel 1 Greece 1; Portugal 0 France 2.

FA CUP: Third round replay: Aston Villa 3 Notts County 0

COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-final: Stockport County 2 Southampton 2.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Stoke City 1 Norwich City 2

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdrieonians 1 Partick Thistle 1. Second division: Hamilton Academical 4 Queen of the South 1. Third division: Inverness CT 1 Queen's Park 0.

PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham 2 Blackburn 1; Leeds 1 Bolton 0; Tranmere 2 Manchester Utd 3; Derby 1 Nottingham Forest 0. First division: Blackpool 1 Sheffield Utd 2; Middlesbrough 1 West Brom 0. Second division: Wrexham 2 Barnsley 1; York 2 Mansfield 1. Third division: Doncaster 0 Lincoln 1; Scunthorpe 1 Wigan 2

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Baldock 3 Tonbridge 4; Salisbury 1 Weymouth 3

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Bradford P A 2 Farsley Celtic 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Woodbridge 0 Gorleston 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 5 Bournemouth 2; Oxford Utd 1 Bristol Rovers 1; Portsmouth 5 Southampton 1

WELSH CUP: Fourth round replay: Ebbw Vale 1 Aberystwyth 2

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Home Farm 2 Sligo 0

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Ilford 1 Basildon 2

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Crystal Palace 2 West Ham 1. Third round replay: Wolverhampton 1 Swindon Town 2

SPANISH CUP: Third round, second leg: Hercules 2 Lleida 1 (2-2 on agg; Lleida win on away goals)

OTHER MATCH: Celtic 1 Bayern Munich 2

SCHOOLS MATCHES: ESFA Snickers Under-19 Trophy: Richard Challoner, Surrey 2 Bushey Hall, Hertfordshire 3. Boodle & Dunthorne Cup: Semi-final: Manchester GS 2 Bolton SS 3

US CUP: United States 1 Denmark 4; Mexico 0 Peru 0 (in Pasadena)

GOLF

HOPE ISLAND, Queensland: Johnnie Walker Classic: First round (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: D Carter; A Atwal (India); A Painter (Aus); S Conran (Aus). 68: S Alker (NZ); F Couples (US); F Casas (Phil); C Jones (Aus); P Gibson (Can); M Long (NZ). 69: D Chopra (Swe); R Stephens (Aus); S Laycock (Aus); Zhang Lian-Wei (China); L Parsons (Aus); T Price (Aus); P Lonard (Aus); D Howell; P Eales; M Tunnicliff; S Leaney (Aus); P Senior (Aus). 70: J Cooper (Aus); J Evans; P Teravainen (US); D Gilford; F Nobilo (NZ); A Bossert (Swtz); R Muntz (Holl); M Campbell (NZ); [illegible] (Malaysia); S Richardson; E Els (SA); P Davis (Aus); N Faldo; J van de Velde (Fr). 71: S Cage; M Wheelhouse (NZ); Mo Joong-kyung (S Kor); G Orr; J Senden (Aus); S Tait (Aus); R Green (Aus); D Dale; S Appleby (Aus); P Baker; B Lane; V Singh (Fiji); P Harrington; T Gogele (Ger); G Chalmers (Aus); P Devenport (NZ); A Sherborne; Choi Kyung-Ju (S Kor); C Montgomerie. 72: R Willis (Aus); B King (Aus); J Robson; R Boxall; R Chapman; K Eriksson (Swe); D Clarke; A Coltart; Z Moe (Burma); P McWhinney (Aus); G Small (NZ); S Ames (Trin); T Elliott (Aus); Kang Wook-Soon (S Kor); K Yokoo (Japan); T Tashima (Japan); M Mouland; R McFarlane; J Haeggman (Swe); W Smith (Aus); E Boult (NZ); S Robinson (Aus); Hong Chin-yuh (Taiwan); F Tarnaud (Fr); M Farry (Fr); G Turner (NZ). Other scores: 73: S Torrance; W Grady (Aus); B Langer (Ger); R Allenby (Aus). 74: I Pyman; P Broadhurst; I Woosnam. 76: I Baker-Finch (Aus). 77: J Daly (US)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 2 Florida 1; Buffalo 6 Montreal 1; Detroit 2 Philadelphia 2; NY Islanders 8 Edmonton 1; Ottawa 1 Boston 4; Toronto 5 Calgary 3; Washington 3 NY Rangers 5; Chicago 3 Vancouver 4; Anaheim 3 New Jersey 1; San Jose 7 Los Angeles 2

ICE SKATING

PARIS: European championships. Men: Positions after short programme: 1, I Kulik (Russ) 0.5 factored placements; 2, V Zagorodniuk (Ukr) 1.0; 3, A Vlascenko (Ger) 1.5; 4, P Candeloro (Fr) 2.0; 5, A Yagudin (Russ) 2.5; 6, A Urmanov (Russ) 3.0; 10, S Cousins (GB) 5.0; 16, N Wilson (GB) 8.0. Pairs: Final positions: 1, M Eltsova and A Bushkov (Russ) 1.5; 2, M Woetzel and I Steuer (Ger) 3.0; 3, E Berezhnaya and A Sikharulidze (Russ) 5.0; 4, S Abitbol and S Bernadis (Fr) 5.5; 5, E Shishkova and V Naumov (Russ) 7.5; 6, P Schwarz and M Müller (Ger) 10.0; 9, L Rogers and M Aldred (GB) 13.5

MOTOR RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY: Final positions: 1, P Liatti (It) Subaru Impreza, 4hr 26min 55sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp) Ford Escort, 4:27.53; 3, T Mäkinen (Fin) Mitsubishi Lancer, 4:29.29; 4, A Schwarz (Ger) Ford Escort, 4:32.03; 5, U Nittel (Ger) Mitsubishi Lancer, 4:42.42; 6, H Lundgaard (Den) Toyota Celica, 4:45.26; 7, O Burri (Switz) Subaru Impreza, 4:45.35; 8, I Holderied (Ger) Toyota Celica, 4:50.39; 9, G Trelles (Sp) Mitsubishi Lancer, 4:51.59. World championship positions: Drivers: 1, Liatti 10pts; 2, Sainz 6; 3, Mäkinen 4. Manufacturers: 1, Subaru 10; 2, Ford 9

RUGBY UNION

SWALEC CUP: Fifth round: Blackwood 44 Hirwaun 10

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: Second division: Wanderers 21 Clontarf 20

CLUB MATCHES: Moseley 29 Loughborough Students 15; Royal Navy 23 Combined London Old Boys 16

RFU JUNIOR CUP: Fifth round: Midlands: Birmingham City Officials 10 Alcester 12.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: World championship: Eighth qualifying round (England unless stated): D Dale (Wales) bt J Birch 10-3; M Davis bt T Murphy (N Ire) 10-6; D McLellan (Scot) bt N Dyson 10-6; M Judge (Ire) bt I Dawes (Wales) 10-5; A Burdon bt B Pinches 10-6; D Henry (Scot) bt A Burnett (Scot) 10-3; S Mazrocis bt J Weston 10-9; B Morgan bt N Pearce 10-7; J Michie bt P Davies (Wales) 10-9; M Stevens (Wales) bt J Prince (N Ire) 10-7; B Jones bt J Burnett (Scot) 10-9; G Dott (Scot) bt G Dunn (Scot) 10-7; G Horne (Scot) bt M King 10-6; K Broughton bt F O'Brien (Ire) 10-5; L Walker (Wales) bt E Henderson (Scot) 10-8.

SQUASH

NORTHERN CLUB, Manchester: AJ Edge national championships: Men: First round: S Meeds (Berks) bt N Frankland (Surrey) 6-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-0; D Campion (Yorks) bt A Davies (Wales) 9-6, 9-1, 9-8; C Tomlinson (Kent) bt P Foster (Cheshire) 9-1, 9-3, 9-1; J Davis (Herts) bt S Handley (Oxon) 10-8, 9-4, 10-8; A Gough (Wales) bt P Carter (Herts) 9-0, 9-4, 9-6; J Russell (Kent) bt A Grant (Kent) 9-3, 9-2, 10-9. Women: First round: C Jackman (Norfolk) bt L Parker (Worcs) 9-3, 9-1, 9-0; C Fleetwood (Yorks) bt C Cogan (Essex) 2-9, 9-7, 10-8, 9-5; F Geaves (Glos) bt B Dryhurst (Worcs) 9-4, 9-0, 9-3; J Tranfield (Yorks) bt C Page (Cambs) 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; J Martin (Northumbria) bt S Kerr (Sussex) 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; V Botwright (Lancs) bt N Cusack (Kent) 9-3, 4-9, 9-4, 9-10, 9-7; R Macree (Essex) bt K Hargreaves (Merseyside) 9-7, 9-4, 9-4; S Brind (Kent) bt K Allison (Yorks) 9-0, 9-3, 9-0.

SWIMMING

ESPOO, Finland: World Cup meeting: Men: Freestyle: 100m: P Khnykin (Ukr) 49.24sec. 400m: 1, J Carstensen (Den) 3min 51.25sec; 2, I Wilson (GB) 3:51.59. 100m backstroke: 1, J Letzin (Ger) 54.23sec; 2, A Ruckwood (GB) 54.92. Breaststroke: 50m: Ding Chujin (China) 28.00. 200m: M Krawczyk (Pol) 2min 12.90sec. Butterfly: 50m: Khnykin 24.40sec. 200m: D Silantiev (Ukr) 1min 55.57sec. Individual medley: 100m: J Sievinen (Fin) 54.98sec. 400m: Sievinen 4min 18.43sec. Women: Freestyle: 50m: S Osygus (Ger) 25.58sec. 200m: Guo Wei (China) 1min 58.02sec. 800m: 1, T Bistrnik (Slovenia) 8:54.98; 3, S Nesbit (GB) 9:06.35. Backstroke: 50m: Jia Yuanyuan (China) 28.15sec. 200m: A Kejzar (Slovenia) 2min 12.63sec. 100m breaststroke: M Tong (China) 1min 09.04sec. 100m butterfly: S Skou (Den) 1:00.51. 200m individual medley: Chen Yan (China) 2:13.90.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-final: C Moya (Sp) bt M Chang (US) 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; S Lareau (Can) and A O'Brien (US) bt N Broad (GB) and P Norval (SA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-5, 6-1; M Hingis (Switz) bt M J Fernández (US) 6-1, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: M Hingis (Switz) and N Zvereva (Bela) bt G Fernández (US) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: A Kournikova (Russ) and M Knowles (Bah) bt L Raymond and P Galbraith (US) 6-4, 7-6; L McNeil and B MacPhie (US) w o I Spirlea (Rom) and D Johnson (US) scr; M Bollegraf (Holl) and R Leach (US) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) and J Eltingh (Holl) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

BOYS' SINGLES: Third round: L Hewitt (Aus) bt D Sherwood (GB) 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Second round: D Sherwood (GB) and J Trotman (GB) bt E Ageev (Can) and A Ford (Aus) 7-6, 7-6

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League
First division
Sheff Utd v Wolverhampton (8.0)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division (7.45): Bohemians v Finn Harps; Dundalk v UCD

RUGBY UNION

Swalec Cup
Sixth round
Bridgend v Newbridge (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Third round
Dewsbury v West Hull (8.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Halifax v Warrington; St Helens v Leeds

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World indoor championships (in Preston)

BOXING: European bantamweight championship: Johnny Bredahl (holder, Den) v Drew Docherty (Scot) (at Copenhagen)

SNOOKER: Regal Welsh tournament (at Newport)

SQUASH: British championships (in Manchester)

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	10	50	fair	varied	worn	cloud	8	20/1
(Some pistes very worn, warm weather continues)								
Obergurgl	40	150	good	varied	good	cloud	1	21/1
(Generally good skiing on most pistes)								
FRANCE								
Méribel	70	140	good	varied	slushy	cloud	9	20/1
(Conditions vary considerably, but still mostly good)								
La Plagne	100	200	good	varied	fair	cloud	3	21/1
(Most pistes above 2,000 metres good; poor visibility)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	135	425	good	varied	good	fair	2	20/1
(Good skiing on almost all runs, mixed visibility)								
Livigno	90	200	good	heavy	fair	cloud	1	20/1
(Some thin spots low down, otherwise good)								
SWITZERLAND								
Wengen	20	110	good	varied	slushy	cloud	5	20/1
(Pistes good at upper levels but slushy low down)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper.

HOCKEY

England's hopes of medal rise

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT MAY be cold in the Czech Republic, but at least England's young squad can warm their spirits in the knowledge that they have a good chance of a medal in the indoor under-21 European Nations Cup. Playing this weekend in Ceske Budevice, England's prospects have been improved by the absence of Germany and Holland, who are both masters of the indoor game.

England have been drawn in pool B with Austria, Slovakia and Belarus, all relatively unknown opponents.

Maggie Souyave, the England coach, has assembled her team with the primary intention of hardening them for the future. The opponents may not be strong, but England still have to obtain the results if they are to progress in the competition.

☐ The annual university match between Oxford and Cambridge is to be played at Milton Keynes for the first time, on March 11. The choice of Milton Keynes has been made at the request of the universities themselves for prestige reasons and reflects no discredit on Reading, which has been a popular venue since 1991.

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RACING: RULING COMPLICATES PLANS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LONG-HAUL CHALLENGERS

Stansted grounded by bureaucracy

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A BUREAUCRATIC tangle involving Brussels and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) has led to Stansted being banned from accepting flights carrying any animals, including horses, from outside the European Union (EU).

The delisting of the Essex airport, which came into effect on January 1, will mean horses or cattle destined for England from "third countries", such as the United States, Canada, Australia and Dubai, will probably have to land first in Ireland, France or Holland — before being flown or ferried by boat to this country — causing unnecessary stress and added expense.

The ruling, which has provoked uproar among transporters and MPs, could have a serious impact on breeders' plans for sending mares to and from the US. Godolphin's arrangements for transporting horses back from Dubai and Breeders' Cup arrangements.

Although aircraft carrying animals from outside the EU can land at Luton and Heathrow, practical reasons effectively rule out long haul flights to both airports. Luton's runway is too short for aircraft with cargo and fuel to return to the US, for example, without refuelling on the way — thereby making it uneconomic — and Heathrow is too busy with passengers.

Stansted's proximity to Newmarket means scheduled flights carrying horses had been arriving six days a week from the US. About 20 DC8s, carrying 45 horses each, entered through the airport last year — with more planned in 1997. Up to six charters from the Middle East were scheduled for March, April and May and two 747 cattle charters were due to arrive from Canada within the next four weeks.

The ban follows the introduction of an EU regulation requiring proper facilities for the inspection of animals by vets at airports, including a building complete with offices, showers and drainage. Inspection at Stansted has normally taken place on the tarmac.

Tony Astor, cargo manager at Stansted, said yesterday that the airport submitted plans last February to the EU via MAFF (acting as its UK agent) for approval to build the necessary border inspection post and in June an EU commissioner visited Stansted.

Astor said: "He looked at the plans we had submitted; until that point he hadn't seen the plans. He made one or two minor comments and suggested a few alterations. We immediately revised the plans, sent them back to MAFF for onward transmission to the EU and said we must have something in writing from them saying if the plans were acceptable."

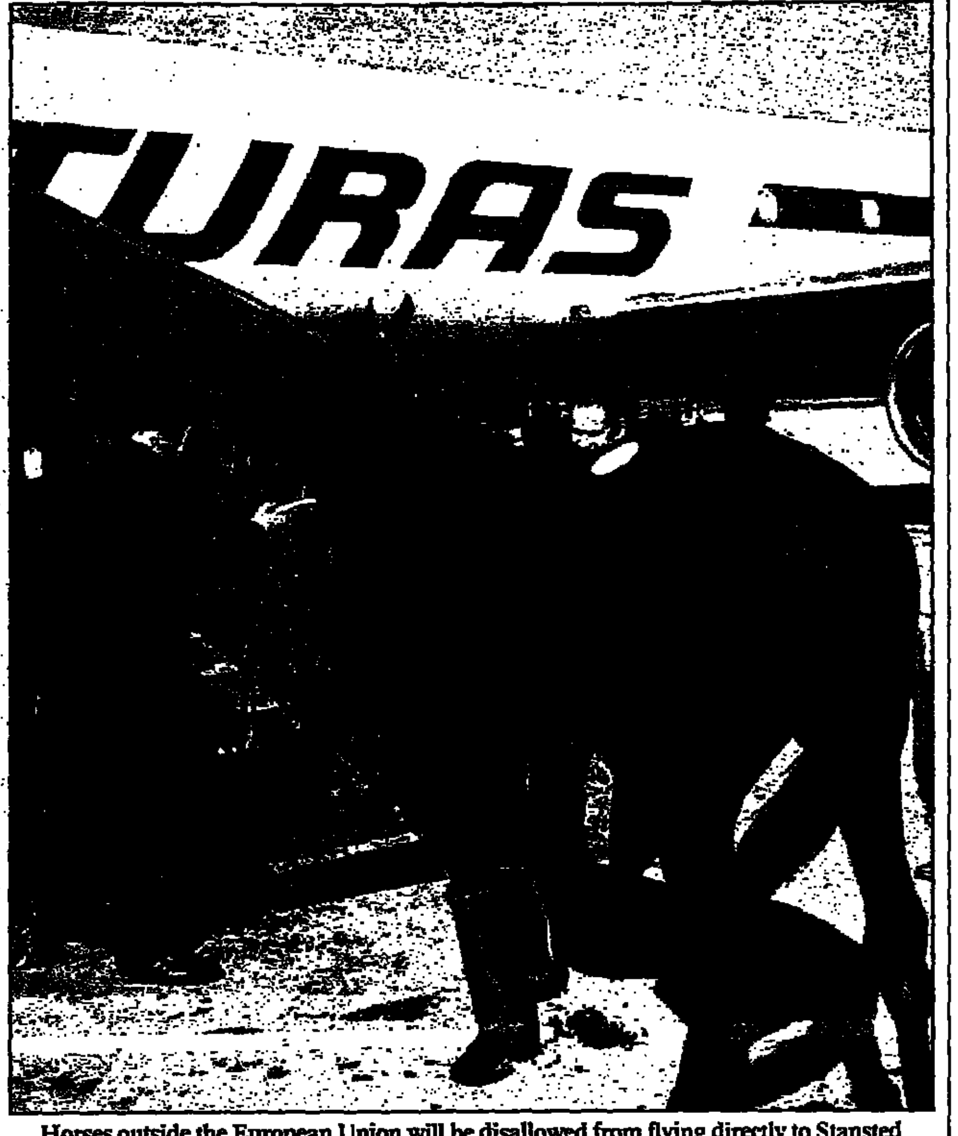
During his visit, the commissioner said he would press the EU to reply to the application. However, between June and December Astor made several attempts via MAFF and EU to get a response, but heard nothing until MAFF decided recently to delist Stansted as an approved port for importation of animals from third countries.

"It was quite a surprise," Astor said yesterday. "We are unable to accept inbound animals or animal by-products, such as embryos and semen from non-EC states."

The decision has infuriated horse transporters who point the finger of blame firmly at MAFF and the EU. Sean Shelley, chairman of the Racehorse Transporters Association, said yesterday: "This just cannot be allowed to happen. It is red tape and bureaucracy gone mad and the potential repercussions are horrendous."

John Greenway, Conservative MP for Ryedale and chairman of the all-party racing and bloodstock industry committee, said: "This is quite appalling and must be changed. I was alerted inside the past 24 hours and will do my utmost to get this resolved by ministers as soon as possible. Stansted must be relisted immediately."

Nap: HAILE DERRING
(2.50 Uttoxeter)
Next best: Little Martina
(2.45 Folkestone)



Horses outside the European Union will be disallowed from flying directly to Stansted

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
1.15 Big Ben Dun. 1.50 The Captain's Wish. 2.20 Him Of Praise. 2.50 Haile Derring. 3.25 Sailor Jim. 3.55 Wade Road.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 **MONTECOT**.

GOING: GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.15 BRAKE BROS FOOD SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,648: 3m 2f) (11 runners)

101 -231 LORD GYLLENE 34 (C,S) S Brookshaw 9-12-0 A Dobbin 95
102 -3P1 MUSTHAVEASWIG 41 (C,D,G) D Nicholson 11-11-12 R Johnson 96
103 -223 COPPER MINE 59 (D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 11-11-8 J Osborne 95
104 -614 DONT TELL THE WIFE 38 (C,D,G,S) C Egerton 11-11-8 J F Titley 95
105 13U1 SAMLEE 48 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-4 N Williamson 97
106 4-T1 BALLYEA BOY 49 (S) D Nicholson 7-11-2 Mr R Thornton (5) 95
107 1-25 RECTORY GARDEN 48 (CD,BF,G,S) T Forster 8-11-0 A Thornton [illegible]
108 13UP BIG BEN DUN 56 (BF,G,S) C Brooks 11-10-10 M Berry (7) 96
109 2-03 HARRISTOWN LADY 32 (B,F,G) G Balding 10-10-10 B Fenton 98
110 1P22 CHURCH LAW 43 (S) Mrs L Taylor 10-10-5 J Railton 90
111 -284 LOCH GARMAN HOTEL 44 P Dalton 8-10-0 C Maude 79

7-2 Ballyea Boy, 4-1 Lord Gyllene, Samlee, 5-1 Musthaveaswig, 8-1 others.

1.50 ADDISON OF NEWPORT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,652: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

201 3133 PRUSSIA 34 (D,F) W Clay 6-11-11 A Thornton 77
202 1 SPARKLING SPRING 58 (D,G) K Bailey 6-11-11 C O'Dwyer 78
203 -422 THE CAPTAIN'S WISH 39 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-11 R Johnson 92
204 -533 BARTON WARD 35 (G) S Brookshaw 6-11-5 A Dobbin 88
205 01-5 BLAZING STORM 178 (F) C Egerton 5-11-5 Mr R Thornton (5) —
206 0656 BURNTWOOD MELODY 34 P Dalton 6-11-5 J Supple 62
207 0-UR GOATSFUT 41 B Preece 7-11-5 T Jenks —
208 4-5 JET FILES 48 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 W Marston —
209 6022 MONTECOT 6 (S) S Mellor 8-11-5 J Railton [illegible]
210 26-2 SUPREME FLYER 49 K Bailey 7-11-5 Mr R Wakley (7) 88
211 8PP/ THE BARGEMAN 823 D Gandolfo 9-11-5 D Fortt (5) —
212 5-0 CONNAUGHT'S PRIDE 100 P Hobbs 6-11-0 N Williamson —
213 45-3 MADAM'S WALK 85 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 C Maude 82
214 B-20 VICTORIA DAY 34 B McMahon 5-11-0 S Wynne 73
215 1 SHU GAA 34 (S) O Sherwood 4-10-12 J Osborne 88
216 443F TOPAGLOW 42 P Dalton 4-10-6 T Eley 79

9-4 Montecot, 7-2 Sparkling Spring, 4-1 The Captain's Wish, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

UTTOXETER: Trainers: C Brooks, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35.0%; O Sherwood, 17 from 59, 28.8%; C Mann, 6 from 22, 27.3%; D Gandolfo, 4 from 15, 26.7%; D Nicholson, 21 from 85, 24.7%; K Bailey, 25 from 104, 24.0%. Jockeys: D Walsh, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; J Osborne, 26 from 87, 29.9%; J Titley, 8 from 28, 28.6%; N Williamson, 23 from 138, 16.7%; R Johnson, 10 from 73, 13.7%; C Maude, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: W Haggas, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; M Johnston, 41 from 201, 20.4%; P Haslam, 14 from 81, 17.3%; W Haigh, 20 from 116, 17.2%; K McAuliffe, 7 from 46, 15.2%; J Eyre, 28 from 185, 15.1%. Jockeys: D Holland, 17 winners from 88 rides, 19.3%; J Weaver, 49 from 262, 18.7%; D Harrison, 22 from 122, 18.0%; D Biggs, 21 from 121, 17.4%; Miss R Clark, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

2.20 ROGER ASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,084: 2m 5f) (6)

301 4P-6 DUNLIR 51 (F) P Rodford 7-11-4 S Burrough —
302 04-B EASY BREEZY 53 C Mann 7-11-4 J Railton —
303 3-32 FEEL THE POWER 49 (BF,S) K Bailey 9-11-4 C O'Dwyer [illegible]
304 1- HIM OF PRAISE 322 (S) O Sherwood 7-11-4 J Osborne —
305 0/02 SPINNAKER 34 (S) N Gaselee 7-11-4 A Thornton 67
306 1-33 WILD WEST WIND 49 (G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-4 J F Titley 73

2-1 Him Of Praise, 9-4 Feel The Power, 4-1 Spinnaker, Wild West Wind, 14-1 others.

2.50 JENKINSONS CATERERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,436: 3m 110yd) (6)

401 40P- SMITH TOO 272 (D,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-10 G Hogan (3) 97
402 -110 HAILE DERRING 48 (D,BF,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-7 C Maude [illegible]
403 53/ SPARKLING CONE 667 (S) O Sherwood 8-11-7 J Osborne —
404 6-P4 FAST THOUGHTS 58 (F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-11-1 Sophie Mitchell (5) —
405 553- RIMOUSKI 14F (CD,G) B Cambidge 9-10-6 N Williamson 98
406 U654 DERRING BRIDGE 8 (D,F,S) Mrs S Johnson 7-10-0 R Johnson 91

7-4 Haile Derring, 3-1 Sparkling Cone, 4-1 Smith Too, Rimouski, 8-1 others.

3.25 JOHN PARTRIDGE ENGLISH CLOTHING HANDICAP CHASE (£4,436: 2m 5f) (8)

501 F20- MELY MOSS 492 (S) C Egerton 6-12-0 J Osborne —
502 3/8- RIVER BOUNTY 56 (F,G,S) C Brooks 11-12-0 M Berry (7) —
503 631F THE CAUMRUE 53 (G,S) G Balding 9-10-10 B Fenton 91
504 4P32 SAILOR JIM 34 (CD,F,G,S) P Dalton 10-10-9 C Maude [illegible]
505 P-41 TOO SHARP 32 (F,G) Miss H Knight 9-10-7 J F Titley 98
506 6/0- POSTMAN'S PATH 455 (CD,G,S) T Forster 11-10-5 A Thornton —
507 5-31 DISTINCTIVE 37 (D,G,S) M Wilkinson 8-10-0 W Marston 96
508 -322 FLAPJACK LAD 84 (CD,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-0 D Walsh 96

9-4 Too Sharp, 3-1 Sailor Jim, 7-2 Distinctive, 6-1 Flapjack Lad, 8-1 others.

3.55 RAM FM NOVICES HURDLE (£2,463: 2m) (9)

601 1-21 WADE ROAD 49 (F,G) Miss H Knight 6-11-11 J F Titley [illegible]
602 -12F LUCIA FORTE 32 (D,BF,G) K Bailey 6-11-6 C O'Dwyer 95
603 3F2- BONJOUR 378 C Mann 7-11-5 J Railton 82
604 0-0P DECEIT THE SECOND 10 (B) P Rodford 5-11-5 S Burrough —
605 1/5 DONNINGTON 55 (BF,F) O Sherwood 7-11-5 J Osborne 79
606 0 EUROFAST PET 72 S Brookshaw 7-11-5 A Dobbin —
607 4 TANTARA LODGE 35 K Bailey 6-11-5 A Thornton —
608 5-60 SCALLY HICKS 35 B Baugh 6-11-0 Gary Lyons —
609 1644 TARRY 51 (D,BF,G) A Streeter 4-10-8 T Eley 71

Evens Wade Road, 7-2 Donnington, 5-1 Bonjour, 6-1 Lucia Forte, 10-1 others.

Lengthy ban for Lynch

FERGAL LYNCH, one of the leading apprentices, was yesterday given a 22-day ban for irresponsible riding. Lynch was punished by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee for his riding of Mijas at Lingfield Park ten days ago. The ban runs from January 28-30 and February 3-17 on days when Flat racing is scheduled, with five days deferred until May 6.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Wetherby

Going: good

1.35 (2m hdle) 1, WHIP HAND (P Carberry, 7-2); 2, Durano (P Niven, 12-1); 3, Khalikhoum (A Dobbin, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Circus Star (pu), 11-2 King Of Sparta (pu), 20 Bowcliffe (5th), 25 Future's Trader (4th), 50 Ballyranter (6th), Bonny Rigg (pu), Magic Times (pu), Noble Canonire, Pemco, Selectric (pu), 100 Prince Baltasar. 14 ran. 3l, 25l, 1½l, 1½l, 1¾l. J Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £5.00; £1.20, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £16.90. Trio: £85.50 CSF: £39.25.

2.05 (3m 1f ch) 1, CHOISTY (J Supple, 5-2); 2, Hatcham Boy (A Maguire, 1-2 fav); 3, Clonroche Lucky (B Storey, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Royal Paris (5th), 25 Monymax (f), 33 Manor Court (pu), 50 Merryhill Gold (4th). 7 ran. NR: Celtic Giant. Nk, dist, ¾l, dist. Mrs A Swinbank at Richmond. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.70.

2.35 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, MACGEORGE (A Maguire, 11-2); 2, Random Harvest (P Niven, 8-11 fav); 3, Catty Hang (A Dobbin, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Marlingford (5th), 9 Gaelic Blue (f), 12 Be Brave (4th), 25 Master of Troy (6th). 7 ran. NR: Monaughty Man. 2l, 18l, 13l, ¾l, 25l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £6.50; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £4.10. CSF: £10.04. Tricast: £28.49.

3.05 (2m ch) 1, EASTERN MAGIC (D Bridgwater, 6-1); 2, Weaver George (M Moloney, 4-1); 3, Monyman (R Garritty, Evens). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Full O'Praise (5th), 7 Random Assault (4th). 5 ran. Hd, 2½l, 2½l, 23l. G Barnett at Stoke-on-Trent. Tote: £6.00; £2.50, £2.30. DF: £12.10. CSF: £25.81.

3.35 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, BOBBY GRANT (P Niven, 9-1); 2, Love The Blues (A Maguire, 3-1 fav); 3, Cherokee Chief (J A McCarthy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Larkshill, 5 Cherry Dee, 8 Antarctic Wind, Suas Leat (4th), 14 Glenbower (5th), 16 Sparkling Buck, 20 Joss Bay (f), 25 Commutie, Don't Tell Tom (6th), Palace Of Gold (pu), Ten Past Six (pu), 50 Black Ice Boy (pu), Kentucky Gold, Only A Sioux (pu), Persian Grange, Sovereign Pass, The Other Man. 20 ran. 4l, 1¾l, 2½l, 2½l, 2l. C Grant at Billingham. Tote: £13.30; £2.50, £2.40, £4.10. DF: £51.10. Trio: £101.20. CSF: £36.53.

4.05 (2m 7f hdle) 1, NICK THE BEAK (R Supple, 13-1); 2, Erzadjan (P Niven, 7-1); 3, The Toiseach (A Maguire, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Jocks Cross (4th), Wassl Street (pu), 5 Daily Boy (5th), 15-2 Izza (f), 12 Roberty Lea (pu), 16 Pharare, 25 Disco Des Mottes (6th). 10 ran. Hd, 9l, 10l, 1¾l, 30l. J Upson at Adstone. Tote: £18.50; £4.40, £2.30, £2.50. DF: £54.50. Trio: £119.10. CSF: £85.92. Tricast: £475.40.

Placepot: £449.50. Quadpot: £57.80.

Huntingdon

Going: good to soft

1.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Legible (R Johnson, 14-1); 2, Clinton (25-1); 3, Sierra Bay (15-8 fav). 21 ran. NR: Queen Of Spades. Hd, 1¾l. S Mellor. Tote: £18.20; £3.30, £8.20, £1.90. DF: £182.60. Trio: £238.90. CSF: £315.88.

1.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Lightening Lad (C Maude, 3-1); 2, Goinda (4-1); 3, Crack On (9-4 fav). 11 ran. 3½l, 2l. J King. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £7.80. Trio: £14.80. CSF: £14.73.

2.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Ambidextrous (L Cummins, 4-1); 2, Storm Tiger (10-1); 3, Heavens Above (20-1); 4, Bassm (12-1). Bietschhorn Bard 9-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Gentle Breeze. 3l, 7l. E Alston. Tote: £5.20; £1.20, £1.80, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £17.50. Trio: £158.70. CSF: £43.25. Tricast: £714.90.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Sir Leonard (J Osborne, 9-2); 2, The Reverend Bert (10-1); 3, Wee Windy (9-4 fav). 13 ran. 5l, 3½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £3.60, £1.60. DF: £38.30. Trio: £36.60. CSF: £48.49.

3.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Madame President (D Fortt, 12-1); 2, Wreckless Man (5-1); 3, Luke Warm (12-1); 4, Swan Street (10-1). Brancher 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Anlace. 1¾l, 1l. C Morlock. Tote: £15.00; £3.80, £2.20, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £43.30. Trio: £194.00. CSF: £69.74. Tricast: £698.21.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Khalidi (J Osborne, 85-40); 2, Aal El Aal (2-1 fav); 3, Count Barachois (7-1). 5 ran. NR: Monday Club, Sublime Fellow. 1l, 12l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.10.

4.20 (2m 110yd flat) 1, King Mole (G Upton, 85-40 fav); 2, New Leaf (11-1); 3, Mr Moonlight (14-1). 22 ran. 1¾l, 1l. J Old. Tote: £4.50; £2.90, £3.80, £4.30. DF: £42.90. Trio: £128.10. CSF: £28.88.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £22,842.93 carried forward to Uttoxeter today).

Placepot: £89.70. Quadpot: £11.80.

Wincanton

Going: good to firm, firm in places

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Hay Dance (N Williamson, 8-11 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Morstock (9-4); 3, Show Faith (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Potentate. 1¾l, 7l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.85.

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Stormy Sunset (Mr T Dennis, 8-1); 2, Bolshie Baron (10-1); 3, Glendine (8-1). Jac Del Prince 5-2 fav. 15 ran. 9l, 6l. W Dennis. Tote: £11.60; £3.10, £2.80, £2.90. DF: £38.60. Trio: £213.00. CSF: £78.67.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Lady Magnum (N Mann, 4-1); 2, D'Naan (5-2 fav); 3, Eskimo Kiss (10-1). 14 ran. 7l, 11l. J Neville. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £1.60, £3.40. DF: £7.30. Trio: £32.10. CSF: £14.07.

3.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Act Of Parliament (Mr R Wakley, 9-4); 2, Dromhana (10-11 fav); 3, Tug Of Peace (12-1). 5 ran. 1l, 7l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.73.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Newlands-General (B Powell, 11-8); 2, Thumbs Up (4-7 fav). 2 ran. 11l. P Nicholls. Tote: £1.70.

4.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Clod Hopper (A Bates, 10-1); 2, Mr Strong Gale (11-2); 3, Stac-Pollaidh (9-1). General Mouktar 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 1l, 8l. W Muir. Tote: £15.70; £3.50, £2.30. DF: £80.60. Trio: £223.60. CSF: £63.20. Tricast: £489.78.

Placepot: £73.90. Quadpot: £22.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.10 (1m 2f) 1, Bold Habit (G Bardwell, 14-1); 2, Nakhal (2-1 fav); 3, Tallulah Belle (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Pair Of Jacks, Paronomasia. 1l, hd. J Pearce. Tote: £27.00; £8.30, £1.10. DF: £35.10. Trio: £28.30. CSF: £40.28. Tricast: £165.63.

1.40 (5f) 1, Sparkling Edge (D R McCabe, 5-1); 2, Tear White (100-30); 3, Imperial Garden (9-4 fav). 6 ran. ¾l, ½l. C Dwyer. Tote: £9.30; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £22.80. CSF: £19.18.

2.10 (1m) 1, Hatta Sunshine (A Whelan, 5-1); 2, Nashaat (7-4 fav); 3, Whatever's Right (5-2). 9 ran. NR: Sat The Fashion. 3½l, 1½l. G L Moore. Tote: £7.60; £1.80, £1.50, £3.40. DF: £9.30. Trio: £5.80. CSF: £16.86.

2.40 (1m 2f) 1, Fabulous Mtoto (N Carlisle, 9-2); 2, Sharaz (5-2 fav); 3, Dr Edgar (4-1). 8 ran. ¾l, nk. M Saunders. Tote: £4.10; £1.10, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £30.30. CSF: £15.66. Tricast: £45.56.

3.10 (7f) 1, Galibis (M Wigham, 5-4 fav); 2, Abtiide (9-1); 3, Rolley Spinney (10-1). 8 ran. 2½l, nk. P Kelleway. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £4.80, £3.30. DF: £11.30. CSF: £13.83.

3.40 (7f) 1, Twin Creeks (C Rutter, 10-1); 2, Duke Valentino (7-2); 3, Star Talent (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. V Soane. Tote: £15.50; £2.60, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £26.40. CSF: £42.14. Tricast: £99.87.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, In The Money (F Lynch, 5-1); 2, Al Helal (14-1); 3, Sapphire Son (25-1). Soviet King 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 2l, 3l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.60; £2.80, £9.10, £11.80. DF: £40.70. Trio: £263.00. CSF: £86.22.

Placepot: £82.20. Quadpot: £6.30.

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FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
1.10 Mr Wild. 1.45 Relkowen. 2.15 Furietto. 2.45 Little Martina. 3.20 MAZZINI (nap). 3.50 Playing Truant. 4.20 Ardrom.

GOING: SOFT (HURDLES); GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE) SIS

1.10 VALENTINE GORTON JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,749: 2m 1f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 U0 AAVASAKSA 8 A Newcombe 11-5 T Dascombe (3)
2 ANNA SOLEIL 273F O Sherwood 11-5 J A McCarthy
3 0 CLAIRE'S DANCER 58 (B) A Turnell 11-5 L Harvey
4 DAYDREAMER 448F R Buckler 11-5 B Powell
5 2 DESERT MOUNTAIN 43 N Callaghan 11-5 R Hughes
6 ELITE FORCE 98F M Madgwick 11-5 D Morris
7 ILLUMINATE 152F D O'Brien 11-5 T J Murphy
8 0 JAMES FIRST 34 R Ingram 11-5 D O'Sullivan
9 MELT THE CLOUDS 93F M Pipe 11-5 R Dunwoody
10 UF2 MR WILD 7 R Akehurst 11-5 —
11 PROSPERO 87F Mrs A Perrett 11-5 M Richards
12 QUEENS FANCY 24F S Dow 11-0 A Dicken

6-4 Mr Wild, 7-2 Desert Mountain, 4-1 Melt The Clouds, 7-1 Anna Soleil, 8-1 Prospero, 10-1 Illuminate, 12-1 others.

1.45 MANSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,129: 2m) (13)

1 6-12 RIVER LEVEN 34 (B,D,BF,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 5/3- MR BEAN 17F (F) K Burke 7-11-6 R Farrant
3 PB-F RELKOWEN 53 (G) A Turnell 7-10-13 M Richards
4 /FF HIDDEN PLEASURE 48 T Jones 11-10-9 D Leahy
5 5542 BOLD ACRE 8 (B,S) J Bradley 7-10-9 —
6 F-P3 BRIGADIER SUPREME 158 P Butler 8-10-5 T J Murphy
7 505- KEY PLAYER 375 R Rowe 8-10-4 D O'Sullivan
8 5P53 POLICEMANS PRIDE 34 M Madgwick 8-10-0 D Morris
9 -4UF MASTER PANGLOSS 58 A Turnell 7-10-0 C Rae (7)
10 P-PF CARACOL 35 (G,S) J Neville 8-10-0 T Dascombe (3)
11 3P00 FULL OF TRICKS 51 J Bridger 9-10-0 L Harvey
12 /0B SMART CASANOVA 10 M Wilkinson 8-10-0 T J O'Sullivan
13 /F- VIRBAZAR 366 J Smyth-Osbourne 10-10-0 G Upton

2-1 River Leven, 7-2 Bold Acre, 4-1 Relkowen, 7-1 Caracol, 8-1 Policemans Pride, 10-1 Mr Bean, 12-1 Master Pangloss, 14-1 others.

2.15 NORTH FORELAND SELLING HURDLE (£2,074: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 -2F2 FURIETTO 37 (BF,F) M Hammond 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 5-4F MEMORY'S MUSIC 13F (BF) M Madgwick 5-11-3 D Morris
3 6FP OFFICE HOURS 46 W G M Turner 5-11-3 W McFarland
4 P0 SAYITAGAIN 2 J Jenkins 5-11-3 N T Egan (7)
5 TENNYSON BAY 17F J Poulton 5-11-3 A Dicken
6 -305 QUAKER WALTZ 53 J Tuck 7-10-12 S McNeill
7 -66P SABOTEUSE 71 J Poulton 5-10-12 T J Murphy
8 CHOCOLATE ICE 22F R O'Sullivan 4-10-5 D O'Sullivan
9 0 STORM WIND 83 K Burke 4-10-5 R Farrant
10 335 YELLOW DRAGON 93F B Pearce 4-10-5 —

6-4 Furietto, 7-2 Memory's Music, 4-1 Quaker Waltz, 5-1 Chocolate Ice, 7-1 Yellow Dragon, 16-1 Storm Wind, 20-1 others.

2.45 KENT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,760: 3m 2f) (12)

1 2/P SHEER ABILITY 41 (G,S) C Mann 11-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 1/6 FLASHTHECASH 48 (F,S) C Egerton 11-11-11 D Morris
3 P-24 COURT MELODY 48 (B,D,G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-4 Mr J Tizzard (7)
4 5453 SPUFFINGTON 36 (C,G,S) J Gifford 9-11-2 P Hide
5 P-2P BEAUREPAIRE 55 (D,BF,G,S) R Alner 9-10-11 S McNeill
6 -452 DIAMOND FORT 34 (CD,F,G,S) J McConnochie 12-10-8 R Farrant
7 0-11 FLOW 50 (D,G,S) R Buckler 8-10-8 B Powell
8 U-21 LITTLE MARTINA 46 (CD,G,S) D Grissell 9-10-8 J R Kavanagh
9 -225 CELTIC TOWN 34 (B,D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 9-10-7 J A McCarthy
10 21/ TOP BRASS 777 (S) K Bailey 9-10-6 T J Murphy
11 1/P CELTIC BARLE 36 (CD,G,S) R Hodge 13-10-5 —
12 F45- VERYVEL 276 (B,S) J Neville 6-10-0 T Dascombe (3)

7-2 Little Martina, 9-2 Flow, 5-1 Spuffington, 6-1 Diamond Fort, 7-1 Flashthecash, 8-1 Court Melody, 10-1 Beaurepaire, 12-1 others.

3.20 HBLB GOODWINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,180: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 2-31 SHEPHERDS REST 21F (S) S Mellor 5-11-13 S Hearn (7)
2 1210 MAZZINI 46 (F,G) R Rowe 6-11-9 Mr P O'Keeffe (7)
3 4120 CIRCUS COLOURS 109 (C,F) J Jenkins 7-11-9 R Hughes
4 6-03 ADDED DIMENSION 45 P Winkworth 6-11-1 X Aizpuru (7)
5 -344 AUGUST TWELFTH 38 (CD,S) D O'Brien 9-10-11 P Henley (3)
6 3511 ZINGIBAR 8 (CD,F,S) J Bradley 5-10-9 R Dunwoody
7 2122 ALWAYS HAPPY 53 (D,BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-7 —
8 1 ZESTI 51 (G) T Clement 5-10-6 N Mann
9 P/P CLASSIC PAL 49 (S) N Mitchell 6-10-0 D Skyrme

9-4 Zingibar, 3-1 Shepherds Rest, 5-1 Zesti, 6-1 Mazzini, 8-1 Added Dimension, Circus Colours, 10-1 Always Happy, 12-1 others.

3.50 CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,065: 2m 5f) (14)

1 -52P SCOTONI 39 (C,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 11-11-10 S Curran
2 3/2- RETAIL RUNNER 253 (G,S) Miss S Edwards 12-11-5 Mr T Hills
3 0-P4 DEEPENDABLE 41 (B,D,G) Mrs L Richards 10-11-3 M Richards
4 -430 FOREST FEATHER 12 (B,G) C Weedon 9-11-2 B Clifford
5 2-43 PEARL'S CHOICE 39 J McConnochie 9-11-2 B Powell
6 4234 CHANNEL PASTIME 32 (G) D Burchell 13-11-0 Guy Lewis (3)
7 58P1 TITAN EMPRESS 39 (V,D,G,S) S Mellor 8-10-10 —
8 -15U PLAYING TRUANT 45 (F,G) D Gandolfo 9-10-10 R Dunwoody
9 /P4 CRUISE CONTROL 38 R Rowe 11-10-7 A Garrity (7)
10 0-03 PAVLOVA 51 R Rowe 7-10-4 D O'Sullivan
11 -503 PRIZE MATCH 43 (S) J Tuck 8-10-4 S McNeill
12 551P OPAL'S TENSPOT 3 (F,G,S) J Bradley 10-10-0 R Farrant
13 -F64 OXFORD QUILL 46 (S) R Curtis 10-10-0 D Morris
14 P/5 SPY DESSA 219 A Newcombe 9-10-0 P Henley (3)

9-2 Titan Empress, 5-1 Pearl's Choice, 6-1 Prize Match, 7-1 Playing Truant, 8-1 Deependable, Forest Feather, 10-1 Channel Pastime, 12-1 others.

4.20 ASHFORD MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,266: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 0 AIRTGOTWON 60 A Hide 6-11-4 L Aspell (3)
2 5 ARDROM 42 P Webber 5-11-4 Mr P Scott
3 6 BEBE GREY 34 (V) P Hedger 6-11-4 M Clinton (7)
4 FOLESCLAVE J King 5-11-4 Mr J Tizzard (7)
5 5 HURRICANE JANE 38 M Roberts 5-11-4 Mrs A Perrett
6 58 JAYDEEBEE 38 M Madgwick 6-11-4 J Power (7)
7 5-6 MAGGIE STRAIT 37 Mrs A King 5-11-4 Mr O McPhail (7)
8 00 MISTRESS TUDOR 37 S Mellor 6-11-4 E Husband (3)
9 00/ NELLY BLANCHE 671 D Elsworth 6-11-4 Mr N Moran (7)
10 6 QUISTAQUAY 48 J Mellors 5-11-4 P Henley (3)
11 TARA GALE J Neville 5-11-4 T Dascombe (3)
12 4 WHERE'S MIRANDA 65 G McCourt 5-11-4 R Hobson (7)

9-4 Where's Miranda, 4-1 Ardrom, 5-1 Quistaquay, 6-1 Jaydeebee, 7-1 Hurricane Jane, 8-1 Mistress Tudor, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Turnell, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; J Gifford, 17 from 65, 26.2%; M Pipe, 9 from 37, 24.3%; R Alner, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Henley, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%, S McNeill, 5 from 24, 20.8%; P Hide, 8 from 42, 19.0%; M Richards, 5 from 28, 17.9%; R Dunwoody, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
12.20 Rambo Waltzer. 12.50 Mr Moriarty. 1.20 Principal Boy. 1.55 Gulf Shaadi. 2.25 Love Me Do. 2.55 The Wyandotte Inn. 3.30 Fast Spin. 4.00 Raindeer Quest.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

12.20 NEWARK HANDICAP (Div I: £2,464: 1m) (11 runners)

1 30-0 GENUINE JOHN 4 J Parkes 4-10-0 D Harrison 10
2 0-51 RAMBO WALTZER 7 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-10-0 Alex Greaves 2
3 030- YEOMAN OLIVER 27 (B,CD,G) B McMahon 4-9-13 L Newton 3
4 5-30 SUGA HAWK 13 (G) E Alston 5-9-3 S Drowne 1
5 310- QUINZII MARTIN 27 (C,D,G) D Haydn Jones 9-8-13 C Rutter 9
6 66-0 BUDDY'S FRIEND 7 (CD,F,G) R Williams 9-8-6 D Biggs 7
7 060- KASS ALHAWA 98 D Chapman 4-8-3 L Charnock 11
8 00-6 MUKUD 4 G Oldroyd 5-7-12 D Meenagh (7) 5
9 /0-6 WHITELOCK QUEST 18 (CD,G) N Berry 9-7-10 N Carlisle 8
10 00-6 KOSSAVOS 18 (B,CD,F,G) E Meehan 11-7-10 J Quinn 4
11 -000 ALANA'S BALLAD 11 B Baugh 4-7-10 J Bramhill (7) 6

6-4 Rambo Waltzer, 5-1 Genuine John, Yeoman Oliver, 7-1 Quinzii Martin, 10-1 Suga Hawk, Buddy's Friend, 12-1 others.

12.50 BALDERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div I: £1,735: 1m 4f) (9)

1 4-00 PISTOLS AT DAWN 9 (D,F,G,S) B Meehan 7-12-0 Miss J Allison 1
2 431- SPA LANE 152 (F,S) M Bielby 4-11-13 A Wintle 3
3 -520 SEA GOD 7 (C,G) M Chapman 6-11-8 K Loads (5) 2
4 0-33 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 4 (F,G) J Parkes 7-11-0 C Bonner 7
5 30-0 DAILY SPORT GIRL 14 (C,G) B Llewellyn 8-10-11 J L Llewellyn 8
6 500- MR MORIARTY 6J (CD,G) S Bowring 6-10-9 Mrs M Morris 4
7 00-5 PHANAN 14 (D,F,G) R Peacock 11-10-6 Mrs C Peacock (5) 6
8 6/5 STRIKE-A-POSE 14 (F,G) B Llewellyn 7-10-3 Miss E J Jones 5
9 00-0 FRED'S DELIGHT 21 (V) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-9 G Markham (5) 9

2-1 Spa Lane, 9-2 Kilnamartyra Girl, 5-1 Phanan, 7-1 Sea God, 8-1 Pistols At Dawn, Daily Sport Girl, 10-1 others.

1.20 ANNESLEY LIMITED STAKES (£2,294: 6f) (16)

1 03-1 BALLARD LADY 23 (CD,G,S) J Wainwright 5-9-0 J Bramhill (7) 16
2 1-00 HALBERT 8 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 8-9-0 D R McCabe 5
3 06-1 AMY LEIGH 20 (C,G) J Wilson 4-8-11 F Norton 10
4 550/ HERSHEBAR 734 (CD,G) Mrs V Aconley 7-8-11 M Deering 12
5 03-2 HOH MAJESTIC 20 (BF,F,G) R Thompson 4-8-11 C Teague (3) 4
6 0-00 IMP EXPRESS 4 (B,F,G) G Moore 4-8-11 G Bardwell 11
7 -010 LADY SILK 4 (CD,G,S) Miss J Craze 6-8-11 J Fanning 7
8 0-40 LIVE PROJECT 13 (S) M Johnston 5-8-11 J Weaver 2
9 503- MANSAB 88 P Murphy 4-8-11 S Drowne 1
10 325- MONIS 28 (V,F) J Balding 6-8-11 G Faulkner (5) 15
11 00-0 NAPOLEON STAR 7 (B,D,F) S Bowring 6-8-11 S D Williams 9
12 050- PLAYMAKER 83 (B,S) D Nicholls 4-8-11 Alex Greaves 3
13 4-00 PRINCIPAL BOY 4 (C,G) T Etherington 4-8-11 C Rutter 6
14 06-0 SOUND THE TRUMPET 14 (G) R Spicer 5-8-11 D McKeown 8
15 500- SOUTHERN DOMINION 101 (D,G) Miss J Craze 5-8-11 N Adams 14
16 010- NEWINGTON BUTTS 230 (E,D,G) K McAuliffe 7-8-8 J Quinn 13

5-1 Mansab, 6-1 Ballard Lady, 7-1 Hoh Majestic, 8-1 Newington Butts, Lady Silk, 10-1 Amy Leigh, Principal Boy 12-1 others.

1.55 NEWARK HANDICAP (Div II: £2,451: 1m) (10)

1 -411 GULF SHAADI 11 (CD,G) E Alston 5-10-3 (6ex) S Drowne 1
2 51/0 MAJOR MOUSE 14 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 9-10-0 V Halliday 3
3 254- SEA SPOUSE 36 (CD,G,S) M Blanshard 6-9-10 N Adams 2
4 060- GILLING DANCER 100J (D,F) P Calver 4-9-6 A Culhane 9
5 410- RUNNING GREEN 36 (CD,G) D Moffatt 6-9-2 J Quinn 6
6 0-13 PLEASURE TRICK 7 (B,C,D,F,G) E Incisa 6-8-13 Kim Tinkler 7
7 30-3 SANDMOOR DENIM 7 (CD,F,G,S) S Bowring 10-8-13 S D Williams 5
8 40-1 TRULY BAY 7 (B,C,G) T Barron 4-8-11 (6ex) D Harrison 4
9 60-6 GADGE 20 (D,S) A Bailey 6-8-1 D Wright 10
10 00-4 ROUSSI 20 D Nicholls 5-7-10 J Bramhill (7) 8

3-1 Gulf Shaadi, 5-1 Pleasure Trick, Sea Spouse, Truly Bay, 6-1 Sandmoor Denim, 8-1 Major Mouse, Running Green, 10-1 others.

2.25 DANETHORPE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,791: 1m) (8)

1 6- EUROQUEST 98 D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves 4
2 54-3 HEVER GOLF DANCER 21 T Naughton 9-0 D Holland 3
3 00-5 LOVE ME DO 20 M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver 8
4 PROJECTVISION W Muir 9-0 A Clark 5
5 5-2 SLIEMA CREEK 16 T Barron 9-0 D Harrison 1
6 0- KINGDOM PEARL 28 M Camacho 8-9 L Charnock 7
7 500- KUSTOM KIT XPRES 52 (B) S Bowring 8-9 S D Williams 6
8 44-3 ROCHEA 10 W Haggas 8-9 F Lynch (3) 2

9-4 Sliema Creek, 3-1 Rochea, 7-2 Love Me Do, 9-2 Hever Golf Dancer, 8-1 Euroquest, Kustom Kit Xpres, 10-1 others.

2.55 CARLTON-ON-TRENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,404: 7f) (8)

1 1-52 ULTRA BOY 9 (F) P Haslam 9-7 S Drowne 8
2 01-5 LA DOLCE VITA 15 (G) T Barron 9-7 D Harrison 4
3 21-4 THE WYANDOTTE INN 15 (BF,G) R Hollinshead 9-4 F Lynch (3) 1
4 -111 GLOBETROTTER 6 (G) M Johnston 9-3 (6ex) J Weaver 7
5 05-5 SUPERCHARMER 16 D Nicholls 9-2 Alex Greaves 5
6 140- SHERZETTO 63 (F) D Chapman 9-0 A Culhane 2
7 034- HEVER GOLF MOVER 29 T Naughton 8-9 D Holland 3
8 000- SWYNFORD CHARMER 48 (B) J Bottomley 7-10 L Charnock 6

5-4 Globetrotter, 3-1 Ultra Boy, 9-2 The Wyandotte Inn, 8-1 La Dolce Vita, Supercharmer, 12-1 Hever Golf Mover, 14-1 others.

3.30 FACKLEY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,085: 7f) (6)

1 1-45 FAST SPIN 20 (CD,G) T Barron 9-4 A Culhane 4
2 04-0 BALLEBOROUGH BOY 18 T Barron 8-12 D McKeown 5
3 0 LORD HIGH EMPEROR 11 D Shaw 8-12 S D Williams 2
4 0 BELUSHI 11 D Morley 8-7 G Carter 1
5 5-34 HOH DOWN 11 (V) K McAuliffe 8-7 J Quinn 6
6 0 LOVE OVER GOLD 18 M Chapman 8-7 D R McCabe 3

7-4 Fast Spin, 9-4 Hoh Down, 5-2 Balleborough Boy, 8-1 Belushi, 16-1 Lord High Emperor, Love Over Gold.

4.00 BALDERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div II: £1,735: 1m 4f) (9)

1 2-15 EL NIDO 2 (CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-12-0 Miss R Clark 8
2 /60- KALAMATA 27 (D,G) J Glover 5-11-13 C Bonner 9
3 00-0 STEVE'S WONDER 8J (V,CD,G,S) B Llewellyn 7-11-5 J L Llewellyn 2
4 0-P5 SHARP COMMAND 9 (B,G) P Eccles 4-11-5 T McCarthy 7
5 41-2 RAINDEER QUEST 14 (C,F,G) J Eyre 5-11-4 Miss Diana Jones 3
6 60/5 BIYA 13 (G) D McCain 5-11-1 G Lake (5) 4
7 00/2 QUALITAIR PRIDE 7 J Bottomley 5-10-7 Mrs L Pearce 6
8 000/ AL JINN 547 (G) M Wane 6-9-9 R D Green 5
9 000- SHEDANSAR 28 R Spicer 5-9-7 S Rutherford 1

2-1 Raindeer Quest, 3-1 Qualitair Pride, 9-2 El Nido, 7-1 Steve's Wonder, 8-1 Sharp Command, Kalamata, 10-1 others.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
1.00 Past Master
1.35 Golden Hello
2.05 Hand Woven
2.35 Hurricane Lamp
3.10 Puritan
3.40 God Speed You
4.10 My Buster

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 SELBY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,157: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 1212 WILLY STAR 44 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs S Scott) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10 R Wilkinson (3) 92
2 4P1-453 I'M A DREAMER 36 (D,F) (Miss M Rowland) Miss M Rowland 7-11-9 P Midgley [illegible]
3 004-526 MOOR HALL LADY 29 (R Brookhouse) H Babbage 6-11-3 G Tormey 94
4 16/0-604 DARK PHOENIX 49 (G) (Mrs P Brennan) O Brennan 7-11-2 S Ryan 90
5 000-444 SILLY MONEY 73 (Mrs J Conlon) T Easterby 6-11-2 E Callaghan 90
6 05-0P35 PAST MASTER 37 (Northern Bloodstock Racing) S Gollings 9-10-12 G Supple (3) 91
7 62/50- RARE OCCURANCE 342 (R Hennis) J O Shea 7-10-8 Michael Brennan —
8 440P NORTHERN FALCON 49 (B) (Mrs P Hartley) M W Easterby 4-10-4 F Leahy 89
9 0F0 LUCKY BEA 55 (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 4-10-1 G Lee 92
10 0-F0F6 JARROW 10 (H Gething) Mrs A Naughton 6-10-0 G F Ryan 86

Long handicap: Jarrow 9-6

BETTING: 7-2 Willy Star, 5-1 I'm A Dreamer, Silly Money, 6-1 Dark Phoenix, 8-1 Moor Hall Lady, Past Master, Northern Falcon, 10-1 others.

1996: MEETING ABANDONED — SNOW AND FROST

FORM FOCUS

WILLY STAR best effort beat Ela Man Howa 3l in 16-runner selling hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
I'M A DREAMER 15l 3rd of 5 to Fen Terrier in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). MOOR HALL LADY best effort 3l 2nd of 13 to Melstock Meggie in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. DARK PHOENIX 33l 4th of 10 to Good Vibes in novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yds, good). SILLY MONEY best effort 6l 4th of 15 to Iron N Gold in maiden hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yds, good).
PAST MASTER 8½l 5th of 14 to Last Try in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good) with JARROW (9lb worse off) left 4th.
Selection: WILLY STAR

1.35 BALBY NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 1FU31F GOLDEN HELLO 6 (CD,F,G,S) (G Shouler) T Easterby 6-11-12 R Garritty 96
2 U22-112 JATHIB 86 (BF,F,G) (Crown Pig & Mailing Sas) Mrs M Jones 6-11-12 D Byrne 96
3 150-1F6 BRAZIL OR BUST 45 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs C Waters) P Webber 6-11-6 M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
4 U0-1531 SIGMA RUN 67 (F,G) (K Bell & Son) J O'Shea 8-11-6 Michael Brennan (5) 77
5 3/322-42 EULOGY 13F (Cragside Contractors) F Burke 10-11-0 A Lamach 68

BETTING: 7-4 Jathib, 2-1 Golden Hello, 5-2 Eulogy, 7-1 Sigma Run, 8-1 Brazil Or Bust.

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN HELLO best effort beat Flight Lieutenant 12l in 4-runner novice chase over course and distance (good to firm). JATHIB best effort beat Icantelya 12l in 8-runner novice chase at Huntingdon (3m 4f 110yds, good to firm) on penultimate start.
BRAZIL OR BUST best effort beat Singsby neck in 8-runner novice chase at Warwick (2m, good to firm) with SIGMA RUN 19l 3rd. SIGMA RUN beat Captain Stockford 11l in 5-runner novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to firm). EULOGY 15l 2nd of 4 to Super Coin in novice chase at Ludlow (2m, good to firm).
Selection: JATHIB

2.05 CUSWORTH NOVICES HURDLE (£3,353: 3m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 00-0130 CLEVER BOY 10 (G) (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 6-11-4 D Byrne 63
2 0-14423 HAND WOVEN 10 (BF,F) (M Archer & J Broadhurst) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 C Llewellyn [illegible]
3 010-21 SALMON BREEZE 62 (F,G) (Salmon Racing Partners) N Henderson 6-11-4 M A Fitzgerald 67
4 01-14 GAYE FAME 37 (BF,S) (H Crown) K Bailey 6-10-13 G Bradley 83
5 2/5-3 ABSOLUTLY EQUINAME 48 (F Stansbury) M Heaton-Ellis 6-10-12 D Gallagher 75
6 0/00Y BOOK OF DREAMS 790 (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 9-10-12 R Guest —
7 0-3 DANNICUS 48 (C Rackbrook) N Babbage 6-10-12 V Slattery 78
8 P003-00 DOOGY DANCER 46 (Halewood International) Miss L Williamson 7-10-12 L O'Hara 73
9 KICKCASHTAL 1607F (Mrs C Bowman) Miss C Bowman 8-10-12 W Fry —
10 63-05 NAUTILUS THE THIRD 58 (D Sole) M Hammond 6-10-12 R Garritty —
11 0 ONE MORE RUPEE 49 (R Inglone) C Morlock 6-10-12 G Hogan (3) —
12 SP RUSHEN RAIDER 115 (BF) (Mrs T White) K Hogg 5-10-12 M Foster —
13 63-60 SAMMORELLO 48 (Mrs S MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 D Bridgwater —
14 F4-5342 COOLE HILL 34 (BF,G) (B Winfield and J Potter) D Nicholson 6-10-7 A Maguire 92
15 06PPP0 LILLY THE FILLY 8 (E Daves/D Jones/E Prue) Mrs B Waring 6-10-7 R Greene —
16 60-66P5 MESP 42 (V) (McMahon Ltd) J O'Shea 6-10-7 Michael Brennan (5) 69
17 4 SATCOTINO 63 (Grangewood Ltd) M Tompkins 6-10-7 K Gaule —

BETTING: 4-1 Hand Woven, 5-1 Coole Hill, Salmon Breeze, 7-1 Absolutly Equiname, 8-1 Dannicus, Satcotino, 10-1 Gaye Fame, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CLEVER BOY best effort beat Kasirama ¾l in 9-runner novice handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yds, good). HAND WOVEN 4l 2nd of 25 to Agistment in novice hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good) on penultimate start with COOLE HILL 15½l 4th. SALMON BREEZE beat Jilly Joy 4l in 13-runner maiden hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good). GAYE FAME 33l 4th of 17 to River Bay in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yds, soft) with LILLY THE FILLY (1lb worse off) pulled up. ABSOLUTLY EQUINAME 20¾l 3rd of 16 to Southern Nights in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good to soft) with SAMMORELLO 67l 9th. DANNICUS 19l 3rd of 9 to Tompetoo in maiden hurdle at Chepstow (3m 110yd, soft).
Selection: HAND WOVEN (nap)

2.35 ROSSINGTON MAIN NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £9,731: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 112-211 ALZULU 7 (D,F,G,S) (D Buckle) J Fitzgerald 6-11-9 P Carberry 95
2 13 GREEN GREEN DESERT 68 (D,BF,F) (D Mercer) O Sherwood 6-11-5 D Bridgwater 79
3 2/1232U HERBERT LODGE 14 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs D Thompson) K Bailey 6-11-5 G Bradley 94
4 16-11 HURRICANE LAMP 43 (D,G,S) (F Welch & R Barrs) D Nicholson 6-11-5 A Maguire [illegible]
5 11541 MISTER RM 34 (D,F,G,S) (F Mills & W Mills) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn 90
6 251 LE TETEU 43 (D,G) (Mrs J Woods) Bob Jones 4-10-7 R Garritty 91

BETTING: 7-4 Alzulu, 11-4 Hurricane Lamp, 9-2 Green Green Desert, 6-1 Mister RM, 7-1 Le Teteu, 10-1 Herbert Lodge.

FORM FOCUS

ALZULU beat Ravoli 7l in 19-runner novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, good). GREEN GREEN DESERT best effort beat Swan Street 3½l in maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm). HERBERT LODGE 3l 2nd of 9 to Inn At The Top in novice hurdle here (2m 4f, good to firm).
HURRICANE LAMP best effort beat Smolensk 5l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) on penultimate start.
LE TETEU beat Desert Mountain 2l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good). MISTER RM beat Stormy Passage 6l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft).
Selection: HURRICANE LAMP

3.10 DONCASTER SPONSORSHIP CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£4,598: 2m 3f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 315PF-3 LINDEN'S LOTTO 42 (D,F,G,S) (Crockets Racing Club) J White 8-11-10 A Maguire 98
2 2U12FP/ IN TRUTH 659 (G,S) (Mrs E Houlton) S Gollings 9-11-9 K Gaule —
3 3022F0- BELL STAFFBOY 289 (F,G) (K Bell & Son) J O'Shea 8-11-0 Michael Brennan (5) 97
4 4-55322 PURITAN 14 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Parkes) N Tinkler 8-10-13 R Garritty [illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Puritan, 2-1 In Truth, 7-2 Bell Staffboy, 5-1 Linden's Lotto.

FORM FOCUS

LINDEN'S LOTTO distance 3rd of 5 to Bealson in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good). IN TRUTH best effort 1½l 2nd of 7 to Auburn Castle in Michael Seely Novice Chase at Nottingham (3m, good to soft) Feb 95. BELL STAFFBOY 13l 2nd of 11 to Jibber The Kibber in Leicester novice chase (2m 4f, good to soft). PURITAN best effort ¾l 2nd of 6 to Montrave in handicap chase at Musselburgh (2m 4f, firm) penultimate start.
Selection: PURITAN

3.40 SANDALL BEAT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,615: 3m) (6 runners)

1 0-11322 FATHER SKY 41 (B,D,F) (Kenneth Kornfeld) O Sherwood 6-12-0 P Niven [illegible]
2 32-1128 GOD SPEED YOU 8 (B,D,BF,F,G) (Wallop) C Morlock 8-11-5 A Maguire 95
3 2P2-F5 THE BOOLEY HOUSE 44 (Booley Bunch-Four Seasons Racing) V Soane 7-11-1 G Bradley 98
4 044-0F3 RONANS GLEN 10 (F) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 10-10-0 R Supple 84
5 06/2/02 PLASSY BOY 34 (Sebastian Dangerfield Partners) K Burke 8-10-0 G Tormey —
6 PP/34- LORD VICK 423 (B) (Mrs S J Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 8-10-0 J Ryan —

Long handicap: Ronans Glen 9-4, Plassy Boy 9-2, Lord Vick 9-1

BETTING: 2-1 Father Sky, 9-4 God Speed You, 5-1 Ronans Glen, 6-1 Lord Vick, Plassy Boy, 20-1 The Booley House.

FORM FOCUS

FATHER SKY 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Musthaveaswig in handicap chase here (3m 2f, good to firm). GOD SPEED YOU best effort beat Oromhana 1¾l in 9-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to firm). THE BOOLEY HOUSE best effort 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Gwestene in novice chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good) Feb 96. RONANS GLEN 6¾l 3rd of 8 to Garnwin in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). PLASSY BOY, ran yesterday, distance 2nd of 8 to Art Prince in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good to soft). LORD VICK distance 4th of 10 to Beaurepaire in novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft).
Selection: GOD SPEED YOU

4.10 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,508: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1 1-0 BADGER'S LANE 34 (S) (Sir Gordon Brunton) K Bailey 6-11-12 DOUBTFUL —
2 21 MR LURPAK 52 (D,S) (MD Foods Plc) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-12 P Niven —
3 13 PROTOTYPE 76 (D,F) (R Holt) G Johnson Houghton 6-11-12 M A Fitzgerald —
4 CHASING DREAMS (D Ecclestone) C Grant 6-11-5 G Bradley —
5 CONNEL'S CROFT (N Sessions) J Mackie 5-11-5 R Supple —
6 JACK ROBBO (R Haggas) J Fitzgerald 5-11-5 W Dwan —
7 244- MY BUSTER 291 (Mrs T Hall) Miss S Hall 5-11-5 A Maguire —
8 POLO RIDGE (J Morton) O Sherwood 5-11-5 D Thomas (7) —
9 000 SOCIAL INSECURITY 34 (Operation Solstice) S Gollings 6-11-5 K Gaule —
10 2-4 WENTWORTH 76 (Miss J Revell) G Thorner 5-11-5 D Bridgwater —
11 WOODHOUSE LANE (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-5 Miss C Metcalfe (7) —
12 COROMANDEL (Mrs T Slade) A Harvey 5-11-0 A S Smith —
13 POTTER AGAIN (J Potter) D Nicholson 5-11-0 R Massey (3) —
14 SEVEN FOUR SEVEN (Miss J Eaton) Mrs L Williamson 6-11-0 L O'Hara —
15 BRIEF SUSPENCE (A & K Lingerie) R Fahey 4-10-7 D Byrne —
16 ES GO (Victor Chandler Ltd) R Bastiman 4-10-7 H Bastiman (3) —
17 THE SNOW BURN (The Ivy Syndicate) T Tate 4-10-7 J Callaghan —
18 PEARL SILK (Mrs S Faulkner) T Gill 4-10-2 G Lee (3) —

BETTING: 7-4 Mr Lurpak, 7-2 Potter Again, 5-1 Polo Ridge, 6-1 Jack Robbo, 8-1 Prototype, 10-1 My Buster, 12-1 Wentworth, 14-1 Connel's Croft, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MR LURPAK beat Cherry Dee 8l in 24-runner National Hunt flat race at Newcastle (2m, good to soft). PROTOTYPE beat Ardenbar 5l in 12-runner NH flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, firm). MY BUSTER best effort ¾l 2nd of 14 to Alzulu in NH flat race over course and distance (good) March 96. SOCIAL INSECURITY best effort 26l 10th of 16 to Strong Mint in NH flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). WENTWORTH best effort 5l 2nd of 16 to Aenon in NH flat race at Wincanton (2m, soft).
Selection: MR LURPAK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Twiston-Davies	6	16	37.5	W Dwan	3	7	42.9
N Henderson	3	10	30.0	C Llewellyn	3	8	37.5
D Nicholson	8	37	21.6	P Carberry	4	11	36.4
Mrs M Reveley	14	72	19.4	M A Fitzgerald	3	10	30.0
N Tinkler	6	33	18.2	A Maguire	5	17	29.4
O Sherwood	7	39	17.9	P Niven	11	53	20.8

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.05 Mesp. 2.35 Herbert Lodge. FOLKESTONE: 1.10 Claire's Dancer. SOUTHWELL: 1.55 Truly Bay. 2.55 Swynford Charmer. 4.00 Sharp Command. UTTOXETER: 3.55 Deceit The Second

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Crystal clear conclusion after seeing two sides of Selhurst Park

Wimbledon remain the true princes at Palace

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

The thing about football, you see, is that it's not the new rock'n'roll. Which makes a nice change, anyway. Football is not the new rock'n'roll for one very important reason: its fans are not attracted, first and foremost, to chart success. Accidents of birth, geography and sheer bad luck determine a lifetime's blinkered devotion to a single team. Once it's done, it's done.

Thus, there is no football equivalent to "My favourite group? Well, the Beach Boys haven't done much lately, so currently it's Placebo". Deserting the sinking ship of Brighton and Hove Albion and striking out for Arsenal, the guilt would be intolerable, the effort overwhelming. At the very least, you would have to stage your own disappearance on a lonely beach, take a new identity, and invent a whole, detailed history of Arsenal attendance reaching right back to the double in 1971.

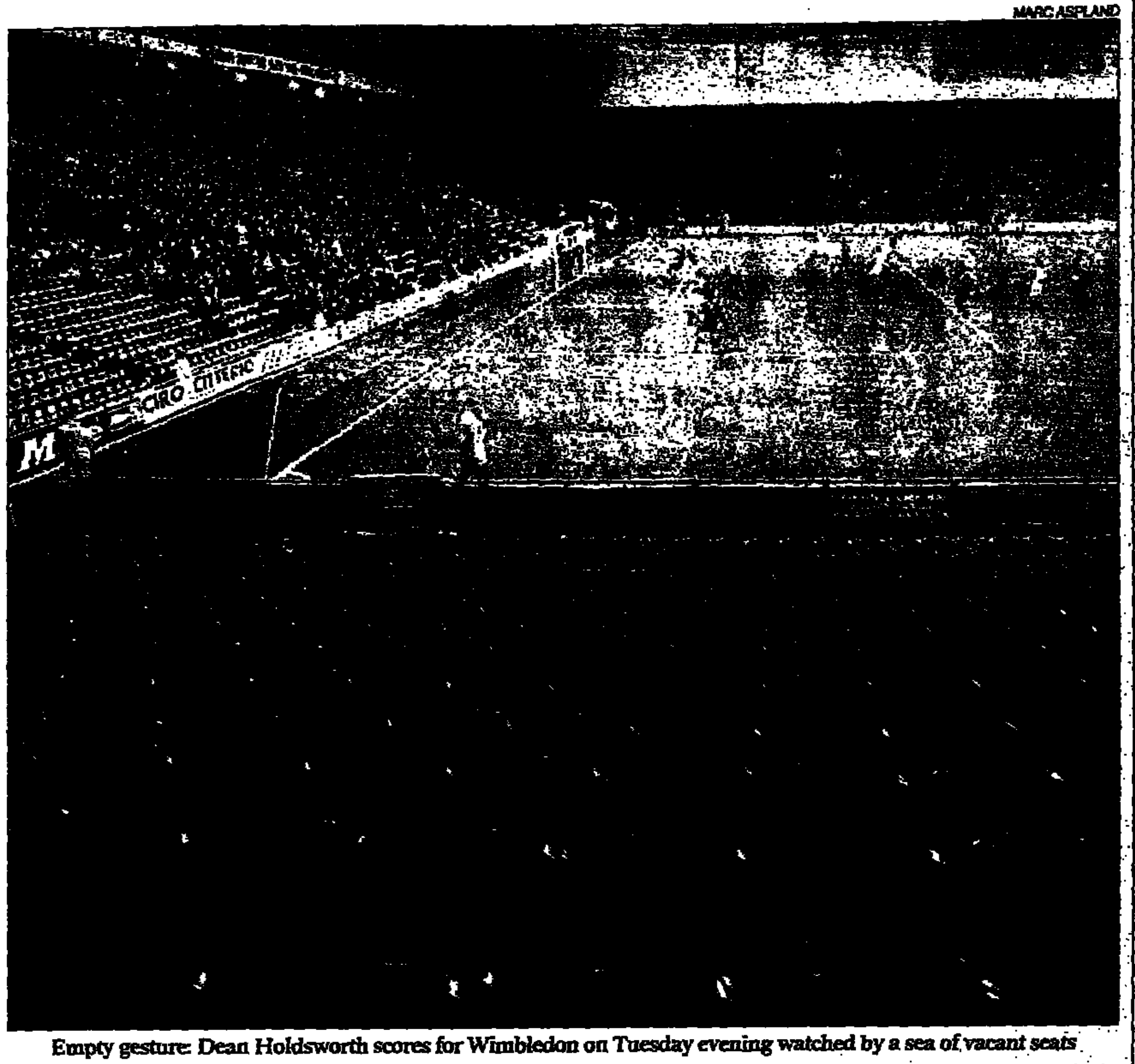
To a football newcomer like me, with no team of her own, this absence of light-hearted "where the bee sucks" seems very odd indeed. Wimbledon, for example, are blindingly successful this season yet, for historical reasons, the "fan base" is thin and crispy instead of deep pan. Anyway, Wimbledon's no-visible-means-of-support phenomenon is simply unimaginable in other contexts, where being all the rage ensures a great rush of fairweather bums on seats.

Imagine audiences boycotting Guys and Dolls *because they are* Cats *fans. "*Guys and Dolls*? You're having a laugh? Been going to* Cats *since I was 12, mate, blah-blah, gutted when Anita Harris left, blah-blah, season ticket costs £11,000, blah-blah, you should see all the programmes I've got under my bed."*

So it's odd seeing Wimbledon at Selhurst Park. And even odder if you've happened to see the less successful but more popular Crystal Palace play there in the same week. When I booked a ticket for both matches over the phone, the box office couldn't understand it.

"That's very unusual," they said, carefully, as if I'd just stupidly bet on both Oxford and Cambridge to win the Boat Race. But now I understand their confusion. For a Wimbledon FA Cup replay, you see, you don't have to book. You can decide at the last minute, and say aloud (as you grab your scarf from the back of the door): "Dammit, I'll rearrange that baked bean cupboard another day."

The contrast is striking. Last Saturday, for Palace's first division match against Portsmouth, the attendance was above 15,000. The football was bouncy but humdrum, skipper Ray Houghton was still suspended, and, aside from an exciting offside controversy when Palace scored the first goal, the best bit of the afternoon was a near punch-up between two Palace defenders, luckily unspotted by the ref.



MARC ASPLAND

Empty gesture: Dean Holdsworth scores for Wimbledon on Tuesday evening watched by a sea of vacant seats

Yet passions ran high. The man on my right had been supporting Palace since the 1930s, and occasionally yelled an exasperated "Leave ORF!" in refreshingly innocent Ealing comedy language.

The much younger fan in front grimaced in broody silence like a human volcano and at intervals erupted, bawling "NOTHING HAPPENED!" with alarming volume. The man to my left was a professional wrestler and season ticket holder to whom I confessed that I didn't know much about football.

Crossing his arms, he said cheerfully: "You've come to the right place, then. This lot don't know much about football either."

For Tuesday night's Cup third round match between Wimbledon and Crewe, on the other hand, there were fewer than 5,000, and some of them clearly wished they'd plumped for the baked beans option instead. Relatively, the place was deserted, and it was hard to shake off the wrong-end-of-the-telescope sensation (where did everybody go?) that this was one of those surreal episodes of *The Avengers*, concerning a whole football crowd that's been kidnapped, with Mrs Peel finding two or three in a smoky refrigerator, frozen in their scarves, with rattles still poignantly upraised in their fists.

Evidently it didn't help, either, that this was a Cup match, and a replay — both factors which I had innocently assumed would engender more interest, not less. So the night was cold and the wind whipped through blocks of empty seats.

"Have you ever fancied an evening with Vinnie Jones?" ran a hopeful message on the scoreboard, and I felt quite guilty that my answer was a stifled scream of "No!" Turns out it's only £37.50 to attend the Sportsman's Dinner with Vinnie. Get ten people together (ah, but where? from the fridge?) and they will even give you a discount.

Neither Selhurst Park match was inspiring, but it's worth noting that, with their big crowd, Palace lost 2-1, while Wimbledon (no one likes us, we don't care) won 2-0. Wimbledon now go on to play Manchester United twice in the same week, which is the big time with knobs on, but they still won't get the fans.

That weird inexplicable *Cats* factor is compounded by their own particular, amiable brand of piss-off-if-you-don't-like-it. The fans I talked to on Tuesday night were actually supporters of Manchester United, Chelsea and Nottingham Forest. They came because they could bring their sons for £50 a year, and see FA Carling Premiership football. Which *sounded fair enough*.

Categorising Wimbledon is notoriously difficult, which is why pundits are forever saying (in that exhausted, grudging phrase): "Take nothing away from them." Their success is just a plain fact, like the flu epidemic.

They don't play the beautiful game; they have perfected the hideous game, something like volleyball with a no-hands rule. But, as a golf pro once *vividly explained to me, there are no pictures on a scorecard.*

Italy will dance to a different tune at Wembley

Brian Glanville finds England's opponents giving little away before World Cup qualifier

PATIENCE is a virtue, but it can be exaggerated. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, diplomatically praised the Italy team for its "patience" after it had made heavy work of defeating a depleted Northern Ireland team in Palermo on Wednesday night.

However, as Gerry Armstrong, the Northern Ireland assistant manager and former World Cup centre forward, said: "We kept forcing them square rather than letting them come through. We made it very, very difficult. In the second half our back four pushed up and we got them offside an awful lot."

The fact was that, after a fraught quarter of an hour, Northern Ireland's spoiling game, with all but Quinn, *the young striker, behind the ball, proved surprisingly effective.*

Hoddle is right to be wary of Zola and Del Piero, the Italy goalscorers, but Steve Lomas, the Northern Ireland midfield player, may have had a point when he said of Italy's midfield: "I think they're all the *same. They play the same sort of game. How many times do they put crosses in?"*

With the important England-Italy World Cup qualifying game next month in view, this was essentially a phoney war. That evening, Italy will not face a team massed in defence. As Steve Morrow, of Northern Ireland, said: "They attack very, very *quickly. If England were attacking them* quite a lot, that could prove a bit of a problem. I thought Zola was the pick of the bunch [Hoddle agreed with him]. He was very hard to mark, very hard to pick up. He caused us a lot of problems when he dropped off."

For Cesare Maldini, 65, the *new Italy manager, ten years in charge of the under-21 team* and father of the celebrated *Paolo — used as a central marker — it was almost an irrelevant beginning.*

He, of course, abandoned Arrigo Saachi's zonal defence, and its "pressing", but, with only Quinn up front for Northern Ireland, this, as he emphasised, was hardly a test for his sweeper defence, which will face an England attack led by Alan Shearer.

Maldini, junior, indeed, used for the first time in his international career as a man-marker, was frequently able to indulge himself in attack — a luxury that he is unlikely to be able to allow himself at Wembley.

Remember, too, that Northern Ireland nearly equalised, with their one and only real strike — a memorable strike — *ten minutes into the second half, when Quinn's left foot* lashed suddenly at a left-wing cross by Michael Hughes, which produced from Peruzzi what Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, called "a world-class save which turned the game".

Cesare Maldini lamented that, against such defensive opponents, "I couldn't try certain solutions in defence. We want to do better, because we had a few difficulties. The opposition didn't attack us much, and so we had problems in the last 25 metres.

"In England, the music will be quite different. There, we *shall find a team which will test us much more severely. I asked Carboni and Di Livio to* push forward a bit more. It's true that we lacked sprint down the flanks."

At Wembley, it is likely that Panucci, who has just joined Real Madrid from Milan, will be at right back and Benarrivo, of Parma, will play on the left.

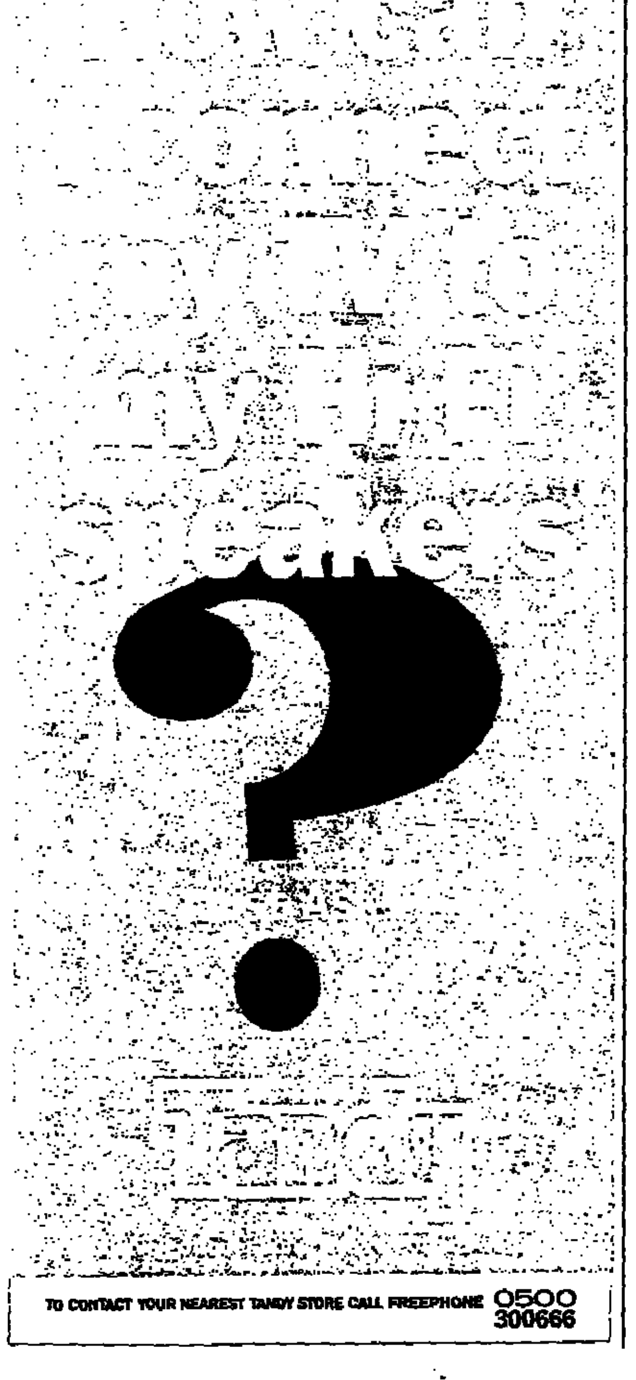
Asked which of the two Italian strikers, Casiraghi or Ravanelli, he found harder to mark, Gerry Taggart answered: "Ravanelli. Stronger. More movement."

Casiraghi, though, came closer to a goal when Tommy *Wright, that remarkable goalkeeper, brought off a fine save after 16 minutes*; to be followed almost immediately by another from Di Livio.

In an island infamous for the kiss of death, Bryan Hamilton reckoned that Wright's career had been given "the kiss of life" after some difficult years. Wright made another *excellent save from Del Piero in the second half, on the one occasion the Northern Ireland offside trap broke down.*

Almost at once, though, came Del Piero's extraordinary free kick to make the score, from an Italian point of view, at least respectable.

Encountered at Palermo airport yesterday, Maldini stressed that the Wembley game "will be important, but *not decisive, because there is a return match*".



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Clubs move in pursuit of Signori

FOUR FA Carling Premiership teams are reported to be trying to sign Giuseppe Signori, the Italy forward. Signori, the Lazio player, claims that Newcastle United, Arsenal, Manchester United and Chelsea have all tried to tempt him to England.

"They offered me a contract of five billion lire a year [£1.8million]: it's a *mind-boggling amount for anyone," Signori told Corriere dello Sport.* "Arsenal and Newcastle have *made* the best offers, *but I* can't deny that Manchester United and Chelsea have also made advances."

Signori, who was joint-top scorer in *Serie A* last season with 24 goals, is under contract at Lazio until 2000. Manchester United, however, denied any approach. "That's news to me," a senior Old Trafford official said.

John Toshack, the Deportivo La Coruña manager, has apologised to supporters for insulting them after they barracked him for making a substitution against Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

"I addressed the fans with *words that never should have left my mouth," Toshack said.*"I *acknowledge that I made a mistake."*

Leaders prepare for decisive clash

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

A CROWD of 5,000 is expect*ed at Broadhall Way tomorrow, drawn by what promises,* even at this early stage of the season, to be the match that has a decisive bearing on the outcome of the Vauxhall Conference title race.

Stevenage Borough, the champions, go into the confrontation 15 points behind Kidderminster Harriers, the leaders, with five matches in hand. Graham Allner, the Kidderminster manager, said: *"Their manager [Paul Fairclough] will be telling them that, if they beat us, they'll win the league."*

Allner will, undoubtedly, be using a similar cry to rally the Kettering dressing-room — as well as reassurances that all will not be lost by defeat.

Dover Athletic joined Gateshead in seeking a new manager when Joe O'Sullivan resigned after a home defeat by Dagenham and Redbridge in the FA Umbro Trophy on Saturday.

Southport, meanwhile, this week appointed Ronnie Moore as the successor to Steve Joel. Moore, the former Tranmere *Rovers* stalwart, has a contract until the end of *1999 and will be assisted by Kenny Jones, a former loyal servant of Northwich Victoria.* Peter Davenport, who had been caretaker-manager and on the shortlist, has since asked to be released from his playing contract.

Charles Clapham, the chairman, said: "We're about the same distance away from Liverpool and Everton as Tranmere and it would be nice to think we can emulate them and be playing in the [Nationwide League] first division in a few years."

Cheltenham Town, the aspiring Conference candidates in the Dr Martens League, had a *surprise in store* when Chris Robinson, *their manager*, asked the club for an extension to his contract, which is due to run out in May. Robinson, the league's manager of the month for December, was told that his services were no longer required and was replaced by Steve Cotterill.

Answers from page 47

ADIPOUS

(b) Abounding in or characterised by fat. Fat or fatty. Less technical than *adipose*. From the Latin *adipōsus* through the French *adipeux, adipeuse.*

ANENTEROUS

(b) Destitute of an intestine. Belonging to the unfortunate species of Anentera. From the Greek for *an-* without + *entera* bowels + *-ous*. The modern Latin version was given by Ehrenberg to certain infusoria having no intestinal canal. "Such species have *no* intestine, no anus, and are said to be anenterous."

BARBARA

(a) A term designating the first mood of the first figure of syllogisms. A *syllogism in Barbara* is one of which both the *major and minor premisses*, and the conclusion, are universal affirmatives. Thus, all animals are mortal: all men are animals: therefore, all men are mortal.

BRAGLY

(c) Ostentatiously. Briskly or nimbly. An obsolete adverb taken from the verb to *brag* in its several meanings. Spenser, *The Shepheardes Calender*: "Seest not thilke same hawthorne studde,/ How bragly it begins to budde?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Bc2!; 2. Nc5 Re7+ and the white bishop is lost.

A milestone at Ambridge

The Archers. *Radio 4, 7.05pm.*

I used to spend frenetic evenings sat alongside another executive of this very newspaper and there was a spell each night when I thought that either he had gone deaf or he was refusing to speak to me over some imagined slight. One night I opened a drawer and found in it a radio: a lead from the speaker led to the executive's left ear. He and other fans of *The Archers* will know already that tonight is the show's 12,000th edition. I fear that I am immune to its charms; having failed to recover from the loss of Walter Gabriel. Apparently tonight will be a landmark for David and Ruth Archer, whoever they might be.

Law in Action. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

Considering that Britain is run by a Parliament containing more lawyers than people from any other profession, it is odd that the broadcast media is stuffed with expertise on politics and politicians but finds scant time to explain what the laws they pass mean to us. The return of this long-running series is therefore doubly welcome. Marcel Berlins, the presenter, may have the air of an advocate but a combination of his understanding of the legal labyrinth and an inquisitive nature make this programme excellent listening. Tonight Berlins asks whether the legal process is being driven by moral crusaders - for *adoption, fertility treatment, euthanasia — or is it that* the lawmakers simply have a better grasp of what matters to the public?

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Simon Mayo 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 *One in the Jungle. Two hours of drum 'n' bass mix from MC Det and MC Dynamite* with Bryan Gee 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood 3.00am *Annie Nightingale* 5.00 *Charlie Jordan*

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed *Stewart* 5.05 *John Dunn* 7.00 Speaking Volumes. The literary quiz returns with Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Friday Night is *Music Night* From the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London. BBC Concert Orchestra, under Martin Yates 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sheridan *Morley* 12.05am *Charles Nove*

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Bailey. *Includes news from the First Test between New Zealand and England in Auckland. Plus Australian Open tennis and a look ahead to tomorrow's FA and Scottish Cup action* 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Extra, with *David McNeil* 12.05 *After Hours* 2.05 Australian Open Tennis

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. News on the hour.

5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Shared Experiences 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 *Music Review* 8.45 *Early Versions* 9.05 Business 9.15 Focus on Faith 9.45 Sport 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the *Shelf* 11.30 Meridian Books 12.05pm Business 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Science in Action 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack 3.05 Sport 3.15 Early Versions 3.30 *Music Review* 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 Multitrack 9.05 Business 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 People and Politics 10.30 World Today 10.45 Sport 11.10 *Spotlight* 11.15 *Insider's Guide* 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Multitrack 12.30am Seven Days 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Outlook 1.55 Words of Faith 2.30 Science in Action 3.15 Sport 3.30 Meridian Live 4.30 Jazz Now and Then 4.45 Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 *Mike Read* 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Carl maria von Weber (Clarinet Concerto *No 2 in E flat major, Op 74)* 3.00 *Jamie* Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. J.C. Bach (Piano Sonata in E flat major, Op 17 No 3) 8.00 Evening Concert. Tchaikovsky *(The Sleeping Beauty —* Suite, Op 66a; Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op 33); Mozart (Concerto in E flat for Two Pianos, K365); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances, Op 45) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Overnight

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm *Jeremy Clark* 4.00 Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Onslow (String Quintet in C minor, The Bullet); Haydn Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford)

9.00 **Morning Collection.** *Beethoven (Serenade in D,* Op 25); Berlioz (Va, Ma Soeur...Adieu Fière Cité, Les Troyens, Act 5); Grieg *(Norwegian Dances, Op 35)*

10.00 **Musical Encounters.** Britten (An American Overture); Chopin (Polonaise-Fantaisie in A flat, Op 61); Villa-Lobos (Bachianas Brasileiras No 5); Ginastera (Pampeana No 2); *Messiaen (Vingt Regards, excerpt)*

12.00 **Composers of the Week: C.P.E. Bach and Quantz**

1.00pm **News; St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital.** Nicola Heywood Thomas introduces *a recital by the Nemo Brass* Quintet. Scheidt (Canzona Bergamasca); Arutiunian (Armenian Scenes); Mathias (Summer Dances); Grainger (There Was a Pig Went Out to Dig); Shepherd's Hey); *Marinus de Jong (Humouristic* Suite); Gershwin (They Can't Take That Away from Me; I've Got Rhythm); Lou Pollack *(That's a Plenty)*

1.55 **How Do You Get to Carnegie Hall?** Featuring *pianist Mitsuko Uchida.* Chopin (Piano Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, Op 35, excerpts) (3/5)

2.15 **Music Restored.** Highlights of a concert given by Ensemble Clément Janequin. *Includes music* by Juan Vasquez, Diego Ortiz, Mateo Flecha, Claudin de Sermisy and Clément Janequin (r)

3.00 **Mining the Archive,** with Leo Black. Includes performances by John Shirley-Quirk, Doris Soffel, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Harwood and Sheila Armstrong and works by *Schubert and Strauss*

5.00 **Music Machine.** Tommy Pearson talks to Marcus Stenz and Guy Barker about the London Sinfonietta's project featuring the music of Miles Davis and Gil Evans

5.15 **In Tune,** with Jeremy Nicholas. Includes Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in F, Op 1 No 7); Franck (Les Djinns); Alkan *(Overture: 12 Studies in* the Minor Keys)

7.30 **BBC Symphony Orchestra.** Live from the Festival Hall, London. Conductor Paavo Berglund and Pekka Kusisto, violin, perform Kokkonen *(Symphony No 2); Sibelius* (Violin Concerto) 8.30 David Fanning discusses Nielsen's Sinfonia Semplice 8.50 Concert Part 2. Nielsen (Symphony No 6)

9.35 **Material World:** Concrete (5/5)

10.00 **Hear and Now.** From the ICA in London, Andrew Sparling introduces a concert given by the Arditti Quartet. *Includes* James Dillon (Parjanya-Vata for Solo Cello; Traumwerk for Two Viols); Salvatore Sciarrino (Codex Purpureus for String Trio); Luciano Berio (String Quartet No 3)

12.15am ***Composer of the Week:* Ravel** (r)

1.15 **Through the Night.** Includes 1.00 *Early Music* 2.15 Haydn; Takemitsu; Kirchner 4.15 Chamber music by Schumann 5.00 *Sequence*

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast (LW)** 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Desert Island Discs.** The pianist Mitsuko Uchida *chooses eight records* to take to the island (r)

9.45 **Feedback.** Chris Dunkley with listeners' comments

10.00 **News; Let's Make Our Towns Nice Again (FM).** Ray Gosling goes out-of-town shopping to Lakeside in south Essex (4/5)

10.00 **An Act of Worship (LW)**

10.15 **On This Day (LW)**

10.30 **Woman's Hour**

11.30 **The Natural History Programme.** Presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Mark Whitaker presents reports on consumer and social affairs

12.25pm **The Food Programme.** 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Classic Serial: A Thousand Acres.** The last instalment of Jane Smiley's three-part drama. With Trevor Peacock, Kate Harper, Lorelei King and Lachele Carl (r)

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift,** with Laurie Taylor and guests

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Tim Marlow sees an exhibition of Braque at the Royal Academy and of the landscape watercolourist William [illegible] in Manchester

4.45 ***Short Story: Tea at Fuller's,*** by Dawn-Elizabeth Bailey. Read by Vivienne Dixon

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **Going Places.** David Stafford with more ideas for enjoying a *great British weekend*

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers.** See Choice

7.20 **Pick of the Week.** Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past week

8.05 **Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the discussion in Hayling Island, Hampshire. With Bob Worcester, chairman of MORI; Gerry Malone, MP, Minister for Health; Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Opposition spokesman on environment and social security; and Andrew Wilson, literary editor of the *Evening Standard*

8.50 **Law In Action.** See Choice

9.15 **Letter from America,** by Alistair Cooke

9.30-11.25 **Test Match Special** (LW). Day two of the first Test from Auckland

9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature (FM)** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight (FM),** with Robin Lustig

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Wimbledon Poisoner (FM),** by Nigel Williams (10/10)

11.00 **Week Ending (FM),** with Sally Grace and the team

11.25 **Fourth *Column.*** Presented by John Diamond

11.45 **Today in Parliament**

12.00 **News** incl 12.27am Weather

12.30-4.30 **Test Match Special** (LW) Continued coverage

12.30 **The Late Book: The Third *Policeman* (FM),** by Flann O'Brien (5/10) (r)

1.00 **As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8; RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

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Doom, disaster and dirty deeds, as usual

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

When is the London Marathon, anyway? Not that I'm going to run it or anything rash, but I'd like to know how many more episodes of **EastEnders** (BBC1) are going to begin with a milkfloat, and Nigel galumphing off on his dawn training run. It's not really April, is it?

Time was when last night's episode would have been big box office, with teasing trailers running for days, nay weeks, in advance. Now . . . well, it was just another day at the office. Peggy finally found out about Grant and Lorraine ("you're fired") and Kathy finally walked out on her walking vodka bottle of a husband. *Small earthquake, no dead* and Lorraine even got her job back. Excuse me while I stifle a yawn.

To be a man in *Albert Square* these days is a truly wretched state of affairs. You're either drunk, unfaithful or slightly dim — or all three if you're Phil Mitchell. But to be a woman, a Walford woman, *that is* a noble and beautiful thing indeed. You laugh, you love, you cry. *Within the four walls you call 'ome you are mistress of your own domain and without . . . you give* way only to Peggy Mitchell. You *also get all the best lines.*

"Am I or am I not a very attractive woman?" asked Aunt Sal, brightening yet another morning with her impersonation of Hilda Ogden. Even Peggy was temporarily lost for words. "What you are looking at," continued Sal "is what my Harold looks at every morning. Not a pretty sight, is it?" We all agreed it was not, but Sal resolved to do something about it and rushed off to buy something sexy and size 16 from Sanjay. Which, of course, is where she *heard about Grant and Lorraine.*

Meanwhile, Pat was quoting Diana, *Princess of Wales.* "To quote a certain lady," she told Kathy, "when there are three of you in a marriage, it gets a bit crowded." Three? "You, Phil and the bottle."

But when even Ruth starts getting decent dialogue ("Ian, this *is* Albert Square, not Berkeley Square") you know it's all over for *the male sex. How appropriate* then, that we departed with Phil, *red-faced, speechless and prostrate* on the hall floor. Never mind mate, there'll be another *magnificent* woman along soon enough.

A couple of days ago, Peggy was being characteristically stoic about her radiotherapy treatment: "I'm starting to glow in the dark." She might not have been quite so flip had she watched **Disaster** (BBC2), which looked at something called *The Goiana Incident*. I just happen to know a little about this nasty affair. Not *because I'm an expert on Brazilian* medical emergencies but — and this is slightly embarrassing — because it was used in a recent episode of *Chicago Hope*. But for those who missed it, *Disaster* sensibly started at the beginning, with a reconstruction so authentic it had to have English subtitles.

Basically, two impoverished but *enterprising Brazilians* were scavenging the remains of a clinic, *where they found a heavy metal* cylinder. They sold it to the local wheeler-dealer, who hacksawed off the lid and found it full of something that glowed in the dark. He told his family and friends it was a moonbeam and invited them round: "It's really pretty, it will bring you luck."

It didn't. What was in the *canister was Caesium 137*, a radioactive substance that is lethal in *minute quantities. As the re*strained reconstruction showed, four people died from the radiation, including a six-year-old girl who played happily with the "moondust" that her father had brought home as a present.

Radioactivity hadn't been discovered when God imposed His plagues on the Egyptians. But whoever is now imposing them on the good people of Scotland seems to be doing very well without it, as *we discovered in the second instal*ment of **Taggart** (ITV). With the blood, *the frogs and the gnats and* flies sensibly combined in episode one, and *BSE* presumably taking care of plague number five, the big question last night was, who was going to cop the boils? A nice *schoolmistress duly* "volunteered", unwisely choosing to humiliate a particularly *nasty* Child of the New Millennium. For those keep*ing the score, hail and lightning* were in progress as we left.

Two things occurred to me as I watched this increasingly clichéd tale. First, didn't anyone involved in its making watch *Signs and Wonders*, a far superior but not dissimilar drama about cults, made by the BBC a couple of years ago? And secondly, doesn't David, the cult leader, look and sound just like Paddy Ashdown? Probably wants proportional revelation, too.

Finally, let us turn to last night's thoroughly disturbing **Dispatches** *(Channel 4), which did a first-class* job of establishing that the sexual abuse of young athletes is not confined to a few middle-aged men preying on young female swimmers and gymnasts but extends into the traditionally masculine world of football. The reporter, Deborah Davies, was on hand to deliver both the damning evidence *(three separate case histories of* coaches abusing young players) *and to field the inevitable cries of* righteous naivety. "There was a suspicion that he was 'the other way', but that's very, very rare in football," said one old dinosaur.

But for all that the content was disturbing, so, too, was the style of presentation, which through the repeated use of personal testimony — some read by victims, others by actors — appeared to take a *distastefully* prurient interest in what had gone on. Had the victims *been girls rather than boys, I am* sure the obvious danger would *have been appreciated much* earlier.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (77231)

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (89969)

9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (4543637)

9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8506811)

9.45 KILROY (1703163)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (31279)

11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6006415)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (6431732)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Johnny and Zoë Ball (6883182)

12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (7694434)

12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (6832618)

12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4568873)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27073540)

1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (82076)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44653434)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (74555231)

2.05 FILM: Whose Child Is This? The War for Baby Jessica (1993) starring Susan Dey. A single mother offers her baby up for adoption, but has a sudden change of heart and is forced into a bitter legal wrangle. *Directed by John Kent Harrison* (3736095)

3.30 PLAYDAYS (3563892) **3.50** The Friday Zone (1937182) **4.55** Newsround Extra (7783637) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (1567786) **5.35** Neighbours (r) (T) (665705)

6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (811)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (163)

7.00 BIG BREAK Jim Davidson and John Virgo host another edition of the light-hearted snooker quiz (T) (2182)

7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (T) (347)

8.00 DAD'S ARMY Classic comedy featuring the escapades of Walmington-on-Sea's accident-prone Home Guard platoon. Captain Mainwaring allows his men to help Private Godfrey's old sweetheart to bring in the harvest on *her under-staffed* farm (r) (T) (8502)

8.30 NOEL'S TELLY YEARS Looking back at 1976, when *The Slipper and The Rose* was a highlight in British cinemas. Its star, Gemma Craven, and Uefa Cup-winning captain Emlyn Hughes recall the year when they were never out of the headlines (T) (7637)

9.00 NEWS (T) and weather (T) (6989)

9.30 FILM: Under Siege (1992) with Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Terrorists posing as a rock band plan to steal the *nuclear arsenal of an American warship.* Directed by Andrew Davis (T) (523231) **WALES: 9.30** Silent Witness (530705) **10.20** The Celluloid World of Dezmond Rezillo (749328) **10.50** FILM: Under Siege (24080057) **12.30** FILM: Harlem Nights (872922) **2.15** News (1516477)

11.10 FILM: Harlem Nights (1989) starring and directed by Eddie Murphy. Comedy about black nightclub owner Sugar Ray and his adopted son, Quick (402569)

12.55am FILM: Brothers in Arms (1990) starring Richard Berry. An Arab in the French secret service teams up with a Jewish vice cop to smash a terrorist drugs ring. Directed by Alexandre Arcady (T) (9711903)

2.25 WEATHER (1507729)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: *King Cotton's Palace* (4934163) **6.25** Rural Life (4953298) **6.50** Rural Life (4021927) **7.15** See Hear News **7.30** Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch (2349453) **7.55** Really Wild Show (2143908) **8.20** Just So Stories (8775250) **8.35** Record (3283163) **9.00** *French Experience* (4550927) **9.15** Statistics Collection (545811) **9.45** Watch (8015960) **10.00** Playdays (74569) **10.30** Hotch Potch House (5329960) **10.50** Focus (4034163) **11.00** Look and Read (5732724) **11.20** Short Circuit (5075908) **11.40** English Time (6873705) **12.00** *English File* (13873) **12.30pm** *Working* Lunch (40415) **1.00** Scene (80618) **1.30** Le Club (44642328) **1.45** Words and Pictures (44683811) **2.00** Just So Stories (86191250)

2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY Includes the first men's semi-final in the Australian Open; World Indoor Bowls; men's free programme from the European Figure *Skating Championships* (930960)

3.55 NEWS (2275724)

4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (796) **4.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (960) **5.00** Esther (1160)

5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE (540)

6.00 STAR TREK (r) (T) (400502)

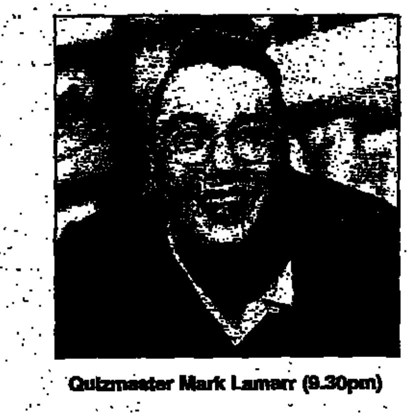
6.50 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (757106)

7.05 TENNIS Highlight's of the second semi-*final in the Australian Open* (166076)

8.00 WILDERNESS WALKS Cameron McNeish meets Matty McNair who lives on Baffin Island, one of the remotest areas in the Arctic Circle and discovers how she survives in an environment where temperatures often drop below -35C (T) (6144)

8.30 GARDENING FROM SCRATCH Helen Yemm demonstrates how to make colourful borders from seed (r) (T) (5279)

9.00 RED DWARF Rimmer's dashing *alter ego*, Ace, arrives on Starbug with an *extraordinary request* (T) (2/8) (7231)



Quizmaster Mark Lamarr (9.30pm)

9.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS Pop trivia quiz hosted by Mark Lamarr with Seán Hughes and *Phill Jupitus being* joined by Ace from Skunk Anansie, Clare Grogan, comedian Alan Davies and Peter Hook from New Order (T) (60279)

10.00 ROOM 101 with Terry Christian (r) (T) (14502) **10.28** Video Nation Shorts (722811) **10.30** Newsnight (T) (903057) **11.15** Ice Skating (752434)

12.15am SPACE: ABOVE AND BEYOND Shane has recurring nightmares about her parents death (6704816)

1.00 FILM: House on Haunted Hill (1958, b/w) starring Vincent Price. A couple hire *a house with a murderous past to host a* haunted house party. Directed by William Castle (3452854)

2.20 WEATHER (8355583)

2.20 TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN Live coverage of the ladies final (80197816)

CHOICE

Betjeman Revisited: Sherborne and Sidmouth

Channel 4, 8.00pm

"Your Gothic castle in the royal glen . . . Princess Victoria, a baby then, played with her mother in this garden dream — and Sidmouth nurtured England's future queen." *This last gentle blast from the past* (1962) concludes the old Poet Laureate's tour *of his beloved West Country* with tributes to Sherborne and its "seemingly countless schools" and his favourite, Sidmouth — extolled in what commentator Nigel Hawthorne calls "Not perhaps brilliant poetry — *but Betjeman having fun.*" To bring the curtain down on this recently *rediscovered series Sir John also pays tribute* to TWW, the ITV company which originally made the series — "Telly Welly" as he calls it. Then, after an affectionate salute to his film crew, he leaves — a wistful, slightly hunched figure disappearing under the exit sign as TWW itself closes down . . .

Wilderness Walks: Baffin Island

BBC2, 8.00pm

My Canadian childhood knew it as just Baffin Land but, *with endless snowfields* rimming the same shade of endless sky, who's to tell? Our intrepid explorer Cameron McNeish meets a woman who could soon put us straight. American-born Matty McNair has lived on and off in this sculpted, wind-blown Arctic snowscape for years. *Apart from the odd huddle of Inuit (Eskimo)* huts there are no people and virtually no wildlife . . . a dead caribou is all they meet as they hurtle along by dog sled some 90 miles from the capital, Iqaluit, across frozen Frobisher Bay and the Meta Incognita (Dreaded Unknown) plateau to their *destination — the tiny village of Lake* Harbour. "I love it," bawls the unfazable *Matty over the gale. "I don't even* miss trees. Trees just get in the way."

Holding the Baby

ITV, 8.30pm

Fans of *They Think It's All Over* and *Room 101* will rejoice to see irreverent presenter Nick Hancock as the star of this promising new sitcom — clearly an actor with a sharp *sense of timing. As priggish, politically* correct Gordon, he is a single parent left by his tearaway wife to take care of two-year-old Daniel. He adores the baby — it's his job (as editor of *Carpet Review*) and his lager-loutish brother Rob (Joe Duttine) who get in the way. Rob has moved in to babysit — a big mistake. *Telly-fixated ("anything good on telly? No, I* almost turned it off") and over-eager to help *sex-starved Gordon* "get back in the saddle", he is a classic man behaving badly. Look out for a cherishable scene in the supermarket where Daniel is used as bait to hook a pretty female who comes their way.

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Bribery and Corruption

ITV, 9.00pm

The final chapter in this classy story brings two women apparently no better than they should be into the tale of the beautiful Emma's death. Can Emma's husband — boatyard owner Sorensen (Paul Freeman) — be the jealous killer? She had walked out on him, after all. The two women allegedly *trying to help bewildered young Nick* Hawthorne (James D'Arcy) to come to terms with her death (his was the unrequited passion of youth) are out to prove Sorensen guilty. But what's in it for them? And Nick is distraught for another reason: the fingers in this close-knit seaside community are also *pointing at his father,* Nick Snr (Tim Woodward) whose failed suicide strongly implicates him as the killer. Stay tuned. This is one of the better ones. **Elizabeth Cowley**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1466637)

9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8581502)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9391927)

10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (61095)

10.30 THIS MORNING (83944811)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7690618)

12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (4593569)

12.55 WISH YOU WERE HERE? (r) (4561960)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (T) (89604160)

1.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE starring Angela Lansbury (8923724)

2.50 GET A LIFE! (9038618)

3.20 NEWS (8091811)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (6090182)

3.30 ROSIE AND JIM (9249273) **3.40** Daffy Duck (5849417) **3.55** Zzzap! (3577095) **4.15** Jumanji (1340347) **4.40** Gladiators Train 2 Win (7327796)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (8726502)

5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (831811)

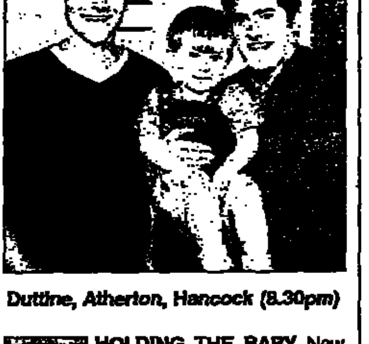
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (899618)

6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (933415)

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (T) (7250)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Sally frets over her future, and Alma is unexpectedly visited by Stephen Reid (T) (415)

8.00 THE BILL A paedophile goes missing after a campaign of harassment, and suspicion falls on the father of one of his young victims (T) (3298)



Duttine, Atherton, Hancock (8.30pm)

8.30 HOLDING THE BABY New comedy series starring Nick Hancock as a single father struggling to combine bringing up his young son with holding down a full time job (T) (2705)

9.00 THE RUTH RENDELL MYSTERIES: BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION (2/2) Nick's failed suicide attempt implicates him in Emma's death and even Nicholas begins to doubt his father's innocence. With James D'Arcy, Paul Freeman, Abigail Cruttenden, Tim Woodward and Des McAleer (T) (8231)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (18328)

10.30 FILM: Once in a Lifetime (1994) starring Lindsay Wagner, Barry Bostwick and Amy Aquino. A woman loses her husband and daughter in a fire and becomes a recluse when her new lover is killed. But she begins to live her life again when she falls in love with her son's teacher. Directed by Michael Miller (T) (32257057)

12.25am FUNKY BUNKER (2606090)

1.25 CLUB NATION (4650212)

2.25 SHIFT (5853729)

3.25 COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB Alternative guide to the movies (r) (62810816)

3.55 DEAR NICK Nick Fisher and guests discuss whether men should have say in the issue of abortion (r) (8360380)

5.00 CORONATION STREET (r) (T) (58545)

5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (34380)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4561960)

1.50 SAVANNAH (8915705)

2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (9038618)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8726502)

6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (933415)

10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND (17588618)

12.15am PROFILE (3919767)

12.30 FUNKY BUNKER (36496)

1.30 BAYWATCH (4031187)

2.20 CYBER CAFE (8359309)

2.50 COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB (4311583)

3.15 DATING THE ENEMY. A segregated audience of men and women let off steam about the opposite sex (4288274)

4.10 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (9018632)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7690618)

12.55-1.25 EMMERDALE (4561960)

1.50 HIGH ROAD (74560163)

2.20-3.20 MURDER, SHE WROTE: Hannigan's Wake starring Angela Lansbury (1589502)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8726502)

6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (45960)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4561960)

1.55 SAVANNAH (8923724)

2.50 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (9038618)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8726502)

6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (45960)

10.40 IN THE DARK WITH JULIAN CLARY (838908)

11.10 CHILLER (430786)

12.10am SOUND BITES (3910496)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.19pm ANGLIA AIR WATCH (7602453)

12.55-1.25 CROSSWITS (4561960)

1.55 SAVANNAH (8923724)

2.50-3.20 TIMPSON'S COUNTRY CHURCHES (9038618)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8726502)

6.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (933415)

10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (726637)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am SESAME STREET (94499) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (38397) **9.00 BEWITCHED** (28705) **9.30 YSGOLION** (327415) **12.00 COLLECTOR'S LOT** (48569) **12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (68811) **1.00 SLOT METHRIN** (75786) **1.30 Film: LAND OF THE PHARAOHS** (75434) **3.30 FRANCES BISSELL'S WESTCOUNTRY KITCHEN** (637) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (144) **4.30 CLASSIC TRAINS** (328) **5.00 5 PUMP** (2328) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (908) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (874434) **6.05 HENO** (800724) **6.35 GAIR AM AUR** (145434) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (536057) **7.25 Y SIOE GELF** (480322) **8.00 CEFN GWLAD** (4540) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (6237) **9.00 PAWB A'I FARN** (800540) **9.45 POBL Y PWLL** (214057) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (49298) **10.30 CAPTAIN BUTLER** (282076) **11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW** (774637) **11.35 TFI FRIDAY** (511960) **12.40am DANI DARES** (7506361) **1.10 Film: BEACH PARTY** (674477) **3.05 Film: GIDGET** (130090) **4.50 Film: VALLEY OF FIRE** (4408767)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am SESAME STREET (94499) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (38397) **9.00** Bewitched (28705) **9.30** Schools (327415) **12.00** The Liv ing Sea (48569) **12.30pm** Here's One I Made Earlier (68811) **1.00** Cybill (62054881) **1.25** Jump (80956250)

1.45 FILM: Tread Softly Stranger (1958, b/w). Crime melodrama starring Terence Morgan, George Baker and Diana Dors. *Two brother become involved in a plan to* rob a steel mill. Directed by Gordon Parry (90684786)

3.30 TRAVELLING LIGHT (T) (637) **4.00** Fifteen-To-One (T) (144) **4.30** Countdown (T) (328) **5.00** Deep Diving (r) (T) (4163)

6.00 TFI FRIDAY The guests include John Cleese (43502)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (152873)

7.55 BOOK CHOICE: BOOKS OF THE CENTURY Lisa Jardine looks at the some of the names that didn't appear on the Books of the Century list (T) (501809)

8.00 BETJEMAN REVISITED The last of the series features a *film of Betjeman's travels to Sherborne* and Sidmouth in 1962 (T) (4540)

Helen Grace, John Sandford (8.30pm)

8.30 BROOKSIDE How far will Nat go to get Georgia back? Jimmy begins to wonder if there is a way he and Jackie can start again. *Starring John Sandford and Helen* Grace (T) (6237)

9.00 DRESSING FOR BREAKFAST *Louise* is courted by a man who can offer her everything — except sex (T) (2927)

9.30 SPIN CITY: The Apartment Comedy starring Michael J. Fox. Mike and the mayor leave Stuart in charge of the office which is probably the biggest mistake they could make (T) (55347)

10.00 ROSEANNE: What a Day for a Daydream Roseanne starts to have fantasies involving a picture shoot with *Hugh Hefner and a guest appearance on* Jerry Springer's chat show; both men make guest appearances (T) (49298)

10.30 CAPTAIN BUTLER. After Roger kills an albatross Captain Butler has to quell the fears of his superstitious crew (T) (282076)

11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW (774637)

11.35 TFI FRIDAY (r) (511960)

12.40am DANI DARES Dani Behr joins the San Diego female fire fighters training to be firewomen (4/5) (7506361)

1.10 FILM: Beach Party (1963) Slapstick and songs starring Bob Cummings and Frankie Avalon. Directed by William Asher (674477)

3.05 FILM: Gidget (1959) A young-love comedy set on Malibu Beach, with Sandra Dee and James Darren. Directed by Paul Wendkos (305477)

4.45-6.00 FILM: Valley of Fire (1951, b/w) A western adventure starring Gene Autry. Directed by John English (92458)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (740637) **9.00** Designing Women (73279) **9.30** Designing Women (19569) **10.00** Another World 48298) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (26434) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (92892) **1.00pm** Geraldo (88340) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael 82502) **3.00** Jenny Jones (18366) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (97873) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8927) **6.00** Real TV (9969) **.30** Married — with Children (3569) **7.00** The Simpsons (4328) **7.30** MASH (2453) **.00** JAG (40453) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (37989) **10.00** High Incident 30076) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (47927) **12.00** LAPD (86767) **12.30am** The Lucy Show (30080) **1.00** Hit Mix (44926)

SKY 2

.00pm Beverly Hills 90210 (8806827) **8.00** Melrose Place (8882347) **9.00** Pacific Drive 9895811) **10.00** Tales from the Crypt 3499231) **10.30** Tales from the Crypt 3415279) **11.00** Late Show (7978434) **2.00** Hit Mix (2018748)

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

.00am George White's 1935 Scandals 035) (63705) **7.30** Travels of Marco olo (1993) (68692) **8.30** The Truth bout Spring (1964) (25150231) **10.15** his is My Affair (1937) (37261618) **12.00** Fail-Safe (1964) (94347) **2.00pm** That's Entertainment: Part Three (1994) (52298) **4.00** The Truth About Spring (1964) (9873) **6.00** The Adventures of Yellow Dog (1994) (55521) **7.30** UK Top 10 (5163) **8.00** Jefferson in Paris (1995) (40972960) **10.20** The Dark Half (1992) (12447144) **12.25am** Fly by Night (1992) (965835) **2.00** Sleep, with Me (1994) (42616) **3.30** Foreign Student (1994) (218903) **5.05** Travels of Marco Polo (1993) (7522815)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Philadelphia Story (1940) (3887142) **6.00** Modesty Blaise (1966) (9531415) **8.00** Peggy Sue Got Married (1986) (9536960) **10.00** The Guns of Navarone (1961) (82963618) **12.40am** At Close Range (1986) (3814458) **2.35** Spymaker: The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1990) (8305816) **4.15-5.45** Beautiful But Dangerous (1952) (9228877)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. **6.00am** Mouse Tracks (3246618) **6.25** Quack Attack (3259453) **6.50** Bonkers (8705521) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (9180811) **7.40** Aladdin (4450927) **8.05** Goof Troop (8237892) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (5720960) **8.40** The Care Bears (8878328) **9.10** Groundling Marsh (1335796) **9.40** Big Garage (8091453) **9.55** Lamb Chop's Play Along (8192144) **10.25** Muppet Babies (4946724) **10.55** Adventures in Wonderland (5673415) **11.25** Mouse Tracks (6702540) **11.55** Under the Umbrella Tree (4396892) **12.25pm** Fraggle Rock (4308434) **12.55** Runaway Mouse (1958796) **1.45** Aladdin (92485569) **2.10** The Little Mermaid (85346298) **2.35** Bonkers (5265106) **3.00** Quack Attack (7879144) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8234873) **3.35** Goof Troop (4586250) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (3808434) **4.10** Goof Troop (1621144) **4.35** Bonkers (2385694) **5.00** Aladdin (3114786) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (1187705) **5.35** Darkwing Duck (568095) **6.00** Sky Trickers (6665) **6.30** FILM: Man of the House (77130705) **8.05** FILM: The Great Mom Swap (6228540) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (63927)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (76453) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation: Superstars (69144) **8.30** Racing News (89453) **9.00** International Cricket (885076) **11.30** Netbusters (52724) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (90569) **12.30pm** European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (72989) **2.30** International Cricket (428250) **4.59** Sports Centre (9195415) **5.00** World Sport Special (5076) **5.30** Netbusters (3960) **6.00** Sports Centre (95502) **7.00** International Cricket (160182) **9.30** Live International Cricket (6003163) **4.30am** Live European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (38545)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm European PGA Golf: Johnnie Walker Classic (2595237) **10.00** Sports Centre (3040322) **11.00** World Wrestling Federation: Raw (9640434) **12.00-1.00** Trans World Sport (9176903)

SKY SPORTS 3

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EUROSPORT

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GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Krypton Factor (8187540) **6.30** Tickle on the Tum (34271980) **6.45** The Magic Ball (26191724) **7.00** Allsorts (5976960) **7.15** Tickle on the Tum (9870347) **7.30** Catweazle (9954732) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1004434) **8.30** Families (1008705) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (8163960) **10.00** Split Ends (4830076) **10.30** The Cuckoo Waltz (1023569) **11.00** Shabby Tiger (2658940) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1007521) **12.30pm** Families (9023892) **1.00** Albion Market (8859189) **1.30** World in Action (9022163) **2.00** All for Love (4831705) **3.00** Bouquet of Barbed Wire (9112908) **4.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 1 (2611076) **4.30** Split Ends (2600960) **5.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5416873) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (2621453) **6.30** Families (2612705) **7.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 1 (3417502) **7.30** The Cuckoo Waltz (2618989) **8.00** Bouquet of Barbed Wire (6320347) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (4536057) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (8769926) **10.00-11.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (6343298)

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Monica Vitti stars in *Modesty Blaise* (Sky Movies Gold, 6.00pm)

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UK GOLD

7.00am Terry and June (7406908) **7.35** Neighbours (9844057) **8.00** Crossroads (7542144) **8.25** EastEnders (5171750) **9.00** The Bill (3418927) **9.30** Colditz (5312908) **10.30** The Sullivans (3407811) **11.00** Juliet Bravo (8970328) **12.00** Crossroads (3498163) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8318291) **1.00** EastEnders (6273637) **1.35** The Two Ronnies (6259057) **2.35** After the Show (8451144) **2.50** 'Allo, 'Allo! (8720231) **3.30** The Bill (6529417) **4.00** All Creatures Great and Small (4549144) **5.00** Bob's Full House (7550908) **5.40** Crossroads (3927328) **6.05** EastEnders (7825163) **6.40** Bruce Forsyth's Generation game (16937908) **7.50** Are You Being Served? (7644908) **8.30** Russ Abbot (8780960) **9.00** The Bill (4545328) **9.30** The Chief (85312540) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (2598960) **11.20** FILM: Ambush in Waco (8806637) **1.00am** FILM: That's Your Funeral (39430632) **2.20** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (5365356) **6.45** Pugwall (261347) **7.15** Saved by the Bell (251980) **7.45** California Dreams (250231) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (413873) **8.45** Art Attack (8454750) **9.00** Tiny TCC (8545219) **9.20** *Brum* (8640863) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (9385182) **9.50** Towser (9381366) **10.00** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (4878521) **10.15** *King Rollo* (1430347) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (1420960) **10.25** Christopher Crocodile (4884328) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (3048786) **11.00** Dinobabies (07811) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (98540) **12.00** Barney (29085) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (56837) **1.00** Casper and Friends (70892) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (15575368) **1.45** *Teddy Trucks* (57761434) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (75808453) **2.15** Bobaloos (62626999) **2.20** Bump (62630182) **2.30** *Christopher Crocodile* (3460326) **2.40** Mr Benn (7375724) **3.00** Pugwall (6347) **3.30** Saved by the Bell (7705) **4.00** California Dreams (8540) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (5724)

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6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (14298) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (43637) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (2492453) **7.15** Hey Arnold! (7311705) **7.30** Rugrats (53502) **8.00** Doug (88724) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (87095) **9.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (78347) **9.30** Arthur (14637) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (8486989) **10.10** Wimzie's House (2442415) **10.30** Lizzie's Library/Mr Men/Bananas in Pyjamas (67231) **11.00** Children's BBC (62250) **12.00** Magic School Bus (81811) **12.30pm** Mr Men (18453) **1.00** Babar (73366) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (17724) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (2366) **2.30** Children's BBC (15250) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (2231) **4.00** Bruno the Kid (1366) **4.30** Rugrats (7876960) **4.45** Doug (7871415) **5.00** Sister Sister (3618) **5.30** *Kenan and Kel* (1502) **6.00** Alex Mack (8415) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2095)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (6182) **7.30** Benson (8279) **8.00** Entertainment UK (2502) **8.30** Hooperman (1637) **9.00** Bakersfield PD (39873) **9.30** *Taxi* (43219) **10.00** Wings (82540) **10.30** London Underground (68960) **11.00** Barry Welsh Is Coming (41618) **11.30** *Frontline* (23873) **12.00** Saturday Night Live (54767) **1.00am** Hooperman (49922) **1.30** Bakersfield PD (95699) **2.00** Entertainment UK (17486) **2.30** Barry Welsh is Coming (96903) **3.00** *Taxi* (36458) **3.30-4.00** Wings (10583)

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12.00 The Time Tunnel (7063304) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5063124) **2.00** Department S (9257502) **3.00** Space 1999 (4555705) **4.00 FILM: The Tamarind Seed** (8706908) **6.00** Return of the Saint (1663368) **7.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (8880453) **8.00** Hammer House of Horror (8848873) **9.00** The Persuaders (8868637) **10.00-12.00 FILM: The Unnameable Returns** (4554076)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (3380863) **6.50** *Trivial Pursuit* (16440298) **7.10** Turnabout (4422250) **7.40** The Young and the Restless (5157076) **8.30** Michael Barry's Choice Cuts (8535057) **9.00** Gladrags and Glamour (9605182) **9.10** Gabrielle (4859927) **10.05** Jerry Springer Uncut (3442637) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (2832347) **11.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (88452163) **12.25pm** Call the Doctor (19298873) **12.55** Tempest (5789637) **1.40** The Gordon Elliott Show (8903231) **2.30** The Agony Experience (6837892) **3.00** Live at Three (32982750) **4.10** The Jerry Springer Show (4298637) **5.05** Lingo (76227163) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (6848908) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (8391415) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (8900811) **7.05** *Infatuation UK* (8466811) **7.35** Who's Sorry Now? (2500637) **8.05** Rolonda (5647057) **9.00 FILM: A Bunny's Tale** (9533873) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous File (9387144)

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5.00pm Blockbusters (1892) **5.30** Through the Keyhole (6076) **6.00** *All Clued Up* (3989) **6.30** Catchphrase (7569) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (8328) **7.30** Hart to Hart (37106) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (9811) **9.00** Father Dowling (11989) **10.00** Treasure Hunt **11.00** Rising Damp (89892) **11.30** Duty Free (60927) **12.00** Lou Grant (92941) **1.00am** Father Dowling (22800) **2.00** Hart to Hart (28906) **3.00** Lou Grant (44212) **4.00** All Together Now (46922) **4.30-6.00** Black Stallion (78361)

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.

9.00pm Billy the Kid (1988) (20356873) **11.00** Elvis on Tour (14236076) **1.40am** Night of Dark Shadows (1971) (70881283) **2.30-5.00** The Last Run (1971) (59296854)

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Bowler shrugs off back injury

Cork passes critical test for England

FROM ALAN LEE IN AUCKLAND

ENGLAND's Test match prospects in New Zealand were immeasurably improved yesterday when Dominic Cork charged through a demanding net session as if several days of drama and depression over the state of his back had been nothing but a ploy to deceive the opposition.

Until Wednesday, not even his own team-mates believed that Cork had any chance of recovering to play in the first Test, which began this morning at Eden Park, after breaking down while bowling at Hamilton on Sunday. However, after two extensive spells of net bowling, much of it at full pace, he said: "I am in no doubt that I'm fully fit and up for selection."

David Lloyd, the team coach, pointed out that the inclusion of Cork could not be guaranteed until any overnight deterioration was assessed, although he added: "I'm not really expecting him to get a reaction and I anticipate he will be fully fit."

This development was not only encouraging for England, but also it was remarkable, given the degree of pessimism emanating from Wayne Morton, the physiotherapist, in the 24 hours that followed the injury. The breakthrough came when it was diagnosed that Cork had not suffered a muscle tear and that the damage, to a facet joint in the lower spine, could be cured relatively swiftly by massage and manipulation.

It will have come as a blow to New Zealand, who had begun to fancy the chances of their own seam and swing bowlers against an England without Cork. Lee Germon, their captain, had said only yesterday: "Cork is one of their key players. If we don't come across him in this game, we won't be disappointed."

One man not surprised to find Cork in the team, however, was Ian Botham, England's recently-appointed bowling consultant. He made a brief appearance at net practice after arriving from Australia, where he had once again been quoted making untimely claims on Lloyd's job. Botham's only surprise was that Cork was a subject of discussion — he was so out of touch with the team that he knew nothing of his injury.

Lloyd himself grinned hugely when asked if he was surprised by Cork's recovery. "I am a born optimist," he said, "so I always expected him to play." Nevertheless, the relief in Lloyd's expression was plain, not least because the conditions prevailing at Eden Park yesterday would have suited few bowlers in the world better than Cork.

The pitch, repeatedly watered over recent days, had lost some of its greenness, but remained conspicuously damp as the sun refused to make its forecast appearance. Ray Moffett, the groundsman, while making confident noises about the enduring qualities of his newly-laid strip, said: "I was banking on a few hours of sunshine. If it stays as cloudy as this tomorrow, the first few hours will be interesting — my life, they will."

Steve Rixon, New Zealand's Australian-born coach, was among those convinced that this match will produce a positive result. "I am pretty confident there will be a result, whichever way it goes," he said. "Unless the pitch changes dramatically, the bowlers will dominate."

The coaches and captains had their usual pre-match meeting with the match referee yesterday and, for Michael Atherton, it was a reunion with unhappy memories. The referee throughout this series is Peter Burge, the Australian whose last contact with Atherton was when imposing an extraordinary fine upon him for alleged dissent at the Oval in 1994.

It was earlier in that same series that Atherton became embroiled in a scandal that might easily have driven him from the captaincy, the notorious "dirt in pocket" affair. His only offence during that sorry episode was to deceive Burge at a hearing, for which he was heavily fined by Raymond Illingworth, then the chairman of selectors, but the damage was done to his reputation and to his relationship with Burge.

The two have been busily burying hatchets this week and Burge said yesterday: "I have no problem with Michael Atherton and I have told him so. I have the utomst respect for him, because he has one of the things Australians like in a cricketer, a bit of ticker. I understand he has needed it lately."

NEW ZEALAND (probable): L K Germon (captain), B A Young, B A Pocock, A C Parore, S P Fleming, N J Astle, C L Cairns, J T C Vaughan, D N Patel, S B Doull, D K Morrison

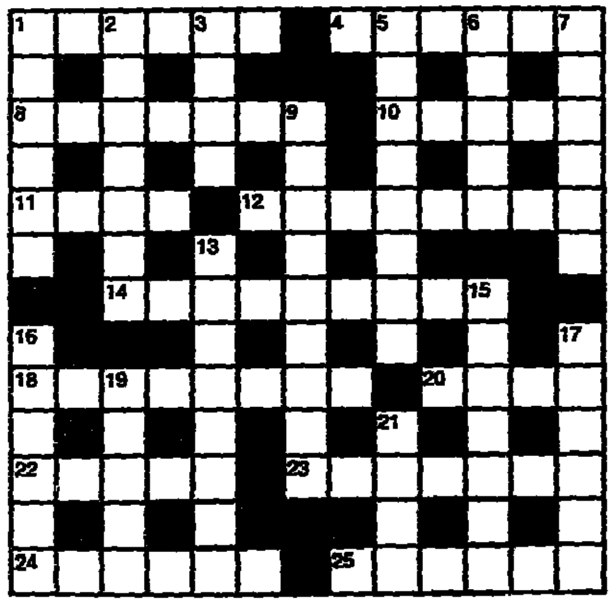
ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), N V Knight, A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, C White, R D B Croft, D Gough, C E W Silverwood, A D Mullally, P C R Tufnell, D G Cork.

Umpires: S Dunne (New Zealand) and S Bucknor (West Indies).
Match referee: P Burge (Australia)

John Barclay, the England tour manager, will have special responsibility for developing young talent as part of his duties on the newly-formed England Management Advisory Committee. Barclay will chair the development of excellence sub-committee.

Atherton: peace talks

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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14 Abandoned baby (9)
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Ravanelli handed one-match suspension

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI, Middlesbrough's Italy international striker, will miss the FA Carling Premiership match against Wimbledon after being given a one-match suspension yesterday for being sent off against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday (*Peter Ball writes*).

Today Ravanelli has to persuade Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, that he had been misquoted yet again by the Italian press in his latest outburst against the club. "Everything that I said has been distorted and I am sorry for all the trouble that has been caused," he said.

West Ham United delayed their expected move for Mike Sheron yesterday as Lou Macari, the Stoke City manager, suggested that West Ham were not the right choice for his striker if he does move. "I'm not happy with the clubs that are quoted to be interested in him," Macari said.

Stoke have turned down a £2.1 million offer from Queens Park Rangers. West Ham are unlikely to go beyond £2.5 million for Sheron, who has scored 21 goals this season.

Bristol Rovers have banned three supporters from the Memorial Ground indefinitely after the pitch invasion that marred the match against Bristol City at Ashton Gate last month. Bristol City were deducted two league points, suspended until the end of the year, for their part in failing to control spectators.

Olof Mellberg, the Sweden Under-21 defender, yesterday began a two-week trial with Newcastle United.

JOHN BEASLEY

McCoy receives oxygen while being carried by stretcher into an ambulance after taking a heavy fall at Wincanton yesterday

Chang fails to interrupt Moya's march to final

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN MELBOURNE

WHETHER he wins the men's singles final on Sunday or not, Carlos Moya has declared himself to the world at these Australian Open tennis championships as a star in the ascendancy. If his tennis dazzles as brightly as it did in beating Michael Chang 7-5, 6-2, 6-4, then either Pete Sampras or Thomas Muster, who contest the other semi-final today, will be hard-pressed to contain him.

Nobody on Centre Court missed the significance of the result. Chang, the No 2 seed and a finalist last year in Melbourne and New York, was knocked sideways by the brilliance of this unseeded young player from Majorca. It was a victory for flair over attrition, and it is always a pleasure to salute that. The crowd stood to Moya, 20, at the end, and roared him on his way. He would make a popular champion.

For two hours and eight minutes it was a performance of thrilling virtuosity. There was athleticism, grace and power, but there was more than that, far more. Moya was prepared to dare and, when his shots succeeded, you had to pinch yourself to remember that this was the man whom Tim Henman beat convincingly two weeks ago to win the Sydney International.

Backhand winners, forehand passes, played from both sides of the court and down both sidelines: he showed the lot. When you ally this capacity to give delight with natural good looks and flowing locks kept in check by a headband, you have a player people are going to pay good money to watch.

Sir Francis Drake was said to have "singed the King of Spain's beard" when he sank the Spanish fleet in Cadiz. Moya certainly tickled Chang's chops, and the American gave every appearance afterwards of being hit by a cyclone. "I don't think anybody really expected him to get to the final", he said. "It's fair to say I'm disappointed."

Chang, at least, reached the semi-final, if that is a consolation for a man who still thinks of himself as a champion. Boris Becker did not even make it to the second round — Moya beat him.

The knowledge that he could beat the best lifted Moya on the first day of competition, and has sustained him through the past fortnight to such an extent that he now fears nobody, not even Sampras.

"There were 128 players here on the first day and soon there will be only two," he said. "I am serving well, playing well, and I am confident in my game". There are aspects of that game, though, that he knows he could improve. "Sometimes, when I get to the net", he said amid laughter, "I don't know what I am doing there." Perhaps it is wise not to think too much.

The first set was a torrid affair, with both players breaking the other's service three times, before Moya rode out three games to take it. He squeezed out some raking shots down the lines, that stayed in by a matter of centimetres, bringing "woos" from the crowd. Stretching nerve and sinew, he attempted big, ambitious shots, where Chang opted for fewer risks, and he was rewarded.

There was a remarkable demonstration of this daring during the first game of the second set when, with Moya at the net, Chang appeared to have the court at his mercy. Moya, though, anticipated his opponent's return, made an incredible interception and won the point as Chang, scuttling backwards, was unable to retrieve.

Having broken Chang's service, he managed it twice more to close the set easily. Chang was hurt. He broke Moya early in the third set and was leading 3-1 before he conceded a game on a double fault. That was the first of four successive games that went to Moya, who served out to complete a memorable win.

Only one unseeded player, Mark Edmondson, has won the Australian Open, so Moya has the chance to make a spectacular mark on Sunday. No Spanish man has won this championship, which should prove a greater incentive. He is learning quickly and making friends by the day. He is quite a player.

Moya: flair and daring

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Hingis matures swiftly

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE women's final tomorrow pitches a demure young madam who behaves like a veteran against a woman six years her senior who is searching for her Equity card. Martina Hingis, all of 16 years, three months and 26 days, plays Mary Pierce after both won surprisingly tame semi-finals in straight sets.

Pierce, who has no rivals for the "best in show" rosette, so assiduously does she groom herself, won 14 successive points off Amanda Coetzer as she took the first set 7-5. The second set was utterly one-sided as Coetzer, who beat Steffi Graf so single-mindedly, folded to a 6-1 loss. It was a defeat few had predicted, so Pierce deserves full marks for her tennis.

She will find Hingis a much tougher nut to crack. The horse-loving Swiss beat Mary Joe Fernandez so comfortably that it was a shade embarrassing. Fernandez, nine years older than Hingis, is one of the game's troopers, but she is simply not cut of champion cloth. Three times she has reached grand-slam tournament finals and three times she has lost. Here, going down 6-1, 6-3, she was outclassed.

It says a lot about Hingis that everybody expects her to win the title. Win or lose, she will move up to No 2 in the rankings, behind Graf, and she is clearly intent on world domination. Victory over Pierce would made her the youngest winner of a grand-slam tournament since Lottie Dodd at Wimbledon in 1887.

With a huff and a puff, Hingis blew Fernandez away. Fernandez held her service only twice and, in the first set, she won only four points on it. Hingis is such an assured player, expert at manoeuvring opponents, that the sting had been drawn from the game by the time she went 4-0 up. The second set was slightly more even, but only slightly. Fernandez had no answer to the ploys of an adversary mature beyond her years.

Pierce, who won here two years ago, will become the second unseeded grand-slam tournament champion in the open era if she wins again. Given the young pretender's form, it is a big if, despite Fernandez's forecast for Hingis. "It's her first final so I think she's going to be nervous," she said. "The pressure is on her and Mary has been hitting the ball very well." On the evidence of this week, Hingis is not acquainted with the word pressure.

Great Britain's last hope of success ended yesterday when Neil Broad and Piet Norval, his South African partner, were beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 by Sebastien Lareau, of Canada, and Alex O'Brien, of the United States, in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles.

Champion jockey breaks shoulder

BY OUR RACING STAFF

TONY McCOY, the champion National Hunt jockey, is in danger of missing the Cheltenham Festival after breaking two bones in his left shoulder at Wincanton yesterday.

McCoy, 22, was injured when Speedy Snapsgem fell at the first fence in the Maurice Lister Maiden Chase. He was given oxygen by paramedics before being taken by stretcher to the racecourse medical room.

He was then taken to Yeovil General Hospital for X-rays, which revealed the broken bones. Martin Pipe, the leading trainer, accompanied McCoy to hospital and said: "Tony has fractured a couple of bones in his shoulder — the clavicle and scapula.

"His left shoulder is strapped up and he will have to visit a specialist tomorrow. He is going to be out for some time and I am just hoping he will be back in time for Cheltenham."

As well as possibly keeping McCoy out of the Festival, which runs from March 11 to 13, the injury is also likely to threaten his chances of retaining the jockeys' title. McCoy, who in November broke the record for the fastest 100 winners in a season by 30 days, has already ridden 130 winners this term. He leads Adrian Maguire, his nearest pursuer in the title race, by 67.

Tom Morgan, the assistant to Graham McCourt, Speedy Snapsgem's trainer, was close to the fence where McCoy fell. "Tony was speaking and conscious, but he was under oxygen and saying it was his shoulder," he said. Speedy Snapsgem had to be put down.

Earlier in the week McCoy had split with the trainer, Paul Nicholls, in acrimonious circumstances. Ironically, Jac Del Prince, his horse, completed the race safely.

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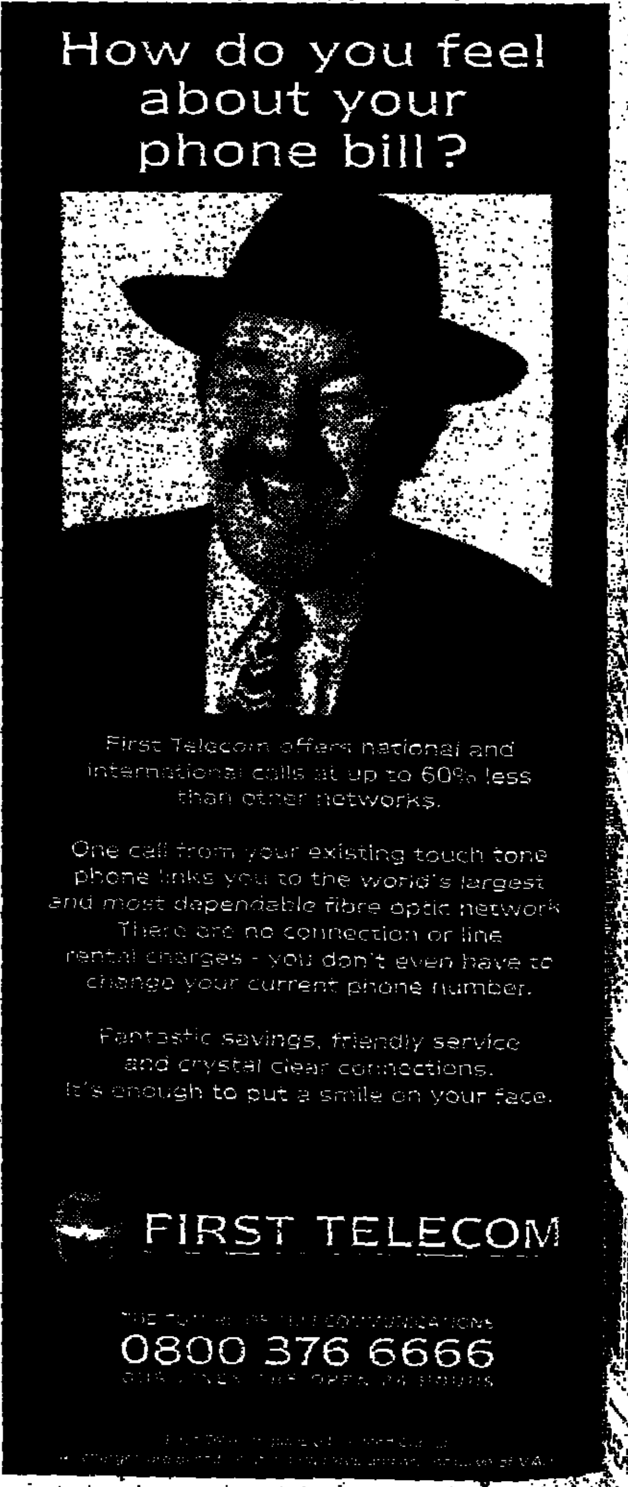

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